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## NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

### RAZORBILL AT THE NIAGARA RIVER MOUTH

On the morning of 19 November 2006, a group of Rochester birders joined with a group from the Buffalo Ornithological Society for our annual Niagara Falls field trip for gulls and whatever else we can find along the Niagara River. On the way over to our 9 AM meeting spot at Old Fort Niagara, the Rochester group made a brief stop at Willie D'Anna's yard near Olcott and had the good fortune to almost immediately locate the Summer Tanager that had been visiting there for some time—a great start for the trip.

As usual, we began the joint trip with a walk into Old Fort Niagara to view the mouth of the river from that vantage point. Almost immediately, while many were still wandering to the low point in the wall and setting up scopes, Norma Platt called out that she had seen an alcid just below us, not far out in the river. We started searching and shortly had glimpses, then better looks, in some of our scopes. Looking through my wife Sue's scope, it was instantly obvious that the bird was a Razorbill! In fact, whoever had a decent view first would have made that call. Fortunately, the bird soon stopped feeding for five minutes or more and many had great scope views of it resting on the water or preening. After that it went back to feeding along the "ripline" between choppy water and smoother water nearer the fort. The Razorbill usually surfaced very close to the ripline, no more than 10 ft or so on either side. This feature arose from the confluence of NNW wind off the lake, out-flowing river water, and eddies between the main current and the partially obstructed near-shore flow. Less than 100 ft off our vantage, the ripline served as a convenient reference for locating the bird between its frequent dives. Another help for directing people who had missed it during its resting period was that debris in the river remained relatively stationary at the line; a tree limb or chunk of wood would move a bit out toward the lake and then move back upriver along that line over the entire half hour or so we watched the bird. When feeding, the bird would be under water for 80% or more of the time, only coming to the surface for 10-15 seconds before diving again.

When we left to continue our trip along the river, Tom O'Donnell made a cell phone call to a local contact and the word was spread through both the Buffalo and Ontario rare bird networks. By the end of the day many had seen the bird not only from Old Fort Niagara, but also from a golf course and a car park on the Canadian side of the river at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The bird continued at that general location until at least 7 January 2007 (the date of the last posting I can find). Judging from the many internet postings, this Razorbill was probably seen by hundreds of birders. It was viewed flying, resting, and, most often, actively feeding. It ranged from up the river a bit to out on Lake Ontario at least hundreds of yards, and on both sides of the river (i.e., it visited both sides of the international border). At times, the Razorbill flew or

drifted around Old Fort Niagara, some distance east off the Lake Ontario shore, where it was more difficult to find.

It was only after reading these later posts on the internet that we who saw it the first morning could appreciate how lucky we were. Some came several times before seeing it. Often it was much farther away. In late December, I returned with my wife and our older daughter, and the bird continued actively feeding throughout the 45 minutes we spent looking and trying to take pictures—a real challenge facing into a raw 20 mph wind with blowing snow flurries.

In context, this appears to be the third record for this location at the mouth of the Niagara River. A verification report by F. Bodsworth was accepted by NYSARC (*Kingbird* 34: 217; 33: 113, 116) for an individual seen on 27 November 1982 by several Canadian observers, and an individual was seen there for one day on 1 January 1985 (*Kingbird* 35: 122). Based on records cited in *Bull's Birds of New York State* (E. Levine, ed., Comstock Publishing Associates, 1998: p. 313) and from scanning the *Kingbird* issues since, this is the 5<sup>th</sup> inland record for New York State. Since the *Bull's Birds of New York State* cut off date of 1996, there has been a flyby at Derby Hill in the SE corner of Lake Ontario on 21 October 2006 and the bird of the present report. In addition, a specimen was collected from the Niagara Frontier (precise location unknown) labeled 11/16/1906 by Mr. J.A. Sjörgen, which now resides in the School Museum of Ystad, Sweden (Beardslee, Clark S. and Harold D. Mitchell, *Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region*, Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Vol. 22, 1965: p. 469). A sleeping bird reported off Hamlin Beach State Park west of Rochester on 2 December 2004 (*Kingbird* 55:169, 172) is now thought more likely to have been a Thick-billed Murre, following review of the verification reports by others more experienced with the species under a variety of conditions than the original observers.

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## **SMITH'S LONGSPUR AT JONES BEACH WEST END, NASSAU COUNTY: NEW YORK'S SECOND RECORD**

The past two months have been an education for me studying a bird that was, in truth, an accidental discovery. On 2 February 2007 I set out to photograph a Lapland Longspur seen previously. I was cold, and the bird uncooperative. While taking the last few shots, an oddly colored, sparrow-type bird moved near the Lapland. I dismissed it as an out of place, out of time, regularly occurring bird such as Dickcissel, or Bobolink. I took a few photos to document it and went home.

My computer revealed details I had not seen (or looked for). I returned the next day with camera in hand. The odd bird was re-found and photographed.

Its features led me to conclude it was a Smith's Longspur, a species with which I'd had no experience. Before putting my head on the block and alerting the RBA, I sought independent verification from some stellar birders. The pictures, they said, weren't clear on several points: overall color, definite eye ring, and median crown stripe. I returned, intending to cover these points and resend pictures, which I did. No response. (I later learned this person was out of town.)

I sent my information to Shai Mitra hoping he would remove that last bit of uncertainty I had. He wrote, "Wow! Looks good...but..." He wanted to see it in person. When I arrived the next day he was already there, and had confirmed the ID. All the features were there: buffy overall color, which set it apart from our winter regulars; bold eye ring; rufous streaking on breast and flanks; slimmer bill than that of Lapland's; thin white wingbars; and white outer rectrices. More detailed study showed its unique primary spacing on the folded wing, which was quite unlike the Lapland Longspur's more even spacing. Its habits, while similar, were subtly different from those of the other longspurs. Although undeniably a 'flock bird' in that it enjoyed safety in numbers and all those other eyes looking out for danger, it associated only loosely with the resident Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and Lapland Longspurs. It would flush and fly with any of these but seemed to prefer the Laplands. The larks often picked on the longspurs, Smith's included, when they fed too closely. The frenetic activity of the Buntings was a bit much for this bird. The Smith's was a slower, more thorough feeder than the Laplands. They often outdistanced it in their searching for food. As well, this bird seemed less likely to flush. Perhaps 40% of the time when something flushed the group, it would maintain a flattened posture until the other birds settled. When it did flush, it would frequently cut out of the group, leaving them to do a few more laps around the field.

This vagrant from Texas/Oklahoma provided only the second documented record for New York State, following a bird from 22 September 1974, at Robert Moses State Park, just a dozen miles eastward along the beach.

The Jones Beach Smith's Longspur remained at least until 18 March, provided many observers with their first or best views of the species, and brought a great deal of excitement to a site seldom visited in winter.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON – WINTER 2006-07

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A theme constantly repeated through the Regional Reports and in conversations among birders was the disparity between early and late winter. Whereas December 2006 and early January 2007 were very warm throughout the state, the latter part of January and February were colder than average. The mild early winter weather contributed to many unusual bird records. For instance, geese (seven species in all!) and blackbirds lingered later and in much larger numbers than is usual in many upstate areas, as did nine Sandhill Cranes and an impressive variety of ducks, loons, grebes, and cormorants—all availing themselves of the generally unfrozen landscape. The list of half-hardies recorded in Region 2 was reminiscent of places much farther south-and coast-ward: Blue-headed Vireo, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Pine Warbler, Ovenbird, three Common Yellowthroats, and Clay-colored Sparrow! A single CBC in Putnam County recorded Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, and Lincoln's Sparrow. In Region 10, where long species lists have been the norm for generations of CBC enthusiasts, compilers were still surprised by the sheer numbers of half-hardies they recorded (Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Winter and Marsh wrens come to mind as especially good examples).

Those with a skeptical mindset might suggest that these trends tell only half the story—the mild first half—and that the harsh conclusion to winter 2006-07 surely set the record straight for many marginal species: “Sure, there were lingering phoebe, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, catbird, yellowthroat, and towhee in Catskill-Coxsackie in balmy mid December, but could anybody find them in February?” In fact, nobody did. But this hardly constitutes a refutation of the notion that our winter bird communities are changing radically, and right before our eyes. I would challenge my hypothetical skeptics to formulate and test their hypotheses more rigorously: “Was that CBC catbird actually less likely to survive to winter's end than a particular individual junco (of which 623 were recorded on the CBC)?” The data needed to answer this question can be obtained with a little effort, as they have been on Block Island for more than a decade; there, at least, we've found that the mid February densities of Gray Catbird have averaged 43% of the mid December values—quite comparable to the 53% rate for ‘Slate-colored’ Junco over the same interval. To be even more precise, it is worth noting that the variable in question is actually *persistence*, not survival. A catbird that vanishes from Catskill during December might have perished, or it might have moved. Evidence that post-migratory dispersal is a potentially important part of the equation is, again, not very difficult to obtain: the density of Gray Catbird on Block Island typically

increases between early November and mid December by about 20%, and that of Eastern Towhee by 56% over the same interval. These early winter influxes occur two or more months after stereotyped migration has ceased in these species, and suggest that the individuals pioneering ever more northerly wintering sites are more flexible than previously suspected (*North American Birds* 55: 499-503).

New York is a large and varied state, and it is fascinating not only to compare the numbers of various species across the state's diverse Regions, but to contrast how people's attitudes and reactions to a shared experience are shaped by local circumstances and history. In studying the CBC data in detail, I was somewhat surprised at how consistently numerous Cooper's Hawk was compared to Sharp-shinned Hawk, but I was more surprised by how few compilers bold-faced their Cooper's Hawk numbers. Clearly, this is one population expansion that people have already incorporated into their views of the world. Conversely, three other burgeoning winter populations, those of Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, and Common Raven, were accorded *unusual species* or *high count* status in count after count, across the state. Perhaps we will eventually settle into a "new normal" for these species as well.

For reasons discussed in greater detail in *Kingbird* 55: 107-109, print publication of Christmas Bird Count data is not only a matter of convenience, but also provides a stable, long-term archive—a function that the online database performs very imperfectly at present. Compilers of New York CBCs are encouraged to contact me directly if they are interested in tailoring their count results for publication in *The Kingbird*. For instance, there is a growing trend among CBC participants to forego the \$5 fee, payable to the National Audubon Society. This trend is reflected in the many instances, among the counts published in the present issue, in which the number of named participants is smaller than the number of observers specified in the online summary. *The Kingbird* welcomes full lists of participants.

The data in this volume provide a lot to think about, and the commentaries of the Regional Editors suggests that winter 2006-07 will be remembered by many as a season that defied a static conception of winter bird communities and blurred the boundaries among the various processes—e.g., southbound migration, northbound migration, and facultative dispersal—that shape avian communities in general.

## BIRD OF THE SEASON

As is usually the case, some spectacular observations were recorded throughout the state. A brief list of highlights that caught my eye includes the almost incomprehensible numbers and diversity of geese statewide, Ken and Sue Feustel's repeat encounter (eleven years later!) with a Yellow Rail at Oak Beach Marsh, Slaty-backed Gulls in Regions 1 and 9, the Pomarine Jaegers recorded from several sites on Lake Ontario, the Razorbill at the mouth of the Niagara River, hundreds of Short-eared Owls in Region 6, yet another Rufous



Hummingbird at Lenoir Preserve in Region 9, a much admired Rufous Hummingbird in Region 10, Varied Thrushes in Regions 1 and 9, Yellow Warblers in Regions 3 and 10, the Yellow-throated Warbler at Ausable Pt. in Region 7, a gorgeous and obliging Western Tanager on Long Island, a Harris's Sparrow in Region 2, the state's second documented Smith's Longspur on the barrier beach, and a stunning Bullock's Oriole in Region 9. Even against the backdrop of these extraordinary birds, I have little difficulty selecting the adult Ivory Gull at Piermont for the BOTS award. With well over a dozen records in the state, this species could be regarded as much less rare than some of the species just listed, but I fear that the changing fortunes of Ivory Gulls will, in the future, stand in unhappy contrast to the positive trends discussed above. Whether it was by reminding us of this deeper level in our interest in birds, or simply by virtue of its beauty, this bird made a singular impression on all who saw it.



## THE 107<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN NEW YORK STATE

The data below were collected and edited by a team of volunteers, including several individual compilers. This report would not have been possible without the dedicated assistance of Patricia Lindsay. More so than for the 105<sup>th</sup> CBC report (*Kingbird* 55: 110-155), these data were collected, with permission, directly from The National Audubon Society's Birdsource site:

< <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>>.

Individual compilers wishing to contribute data for the 108<sup>th</sup> CBC directly to *The Kingbird*, including more complete data concerning effort and participants, are urged to contact the Editor or their Regional Editors for a template.

Boldface indicates unusual species or unusually high counts; LC indicates a low count; CW indicates a species was observed during the week of the count, but not on count day.

### **Albany County [NYAC]**

42.5° N 73.92° W; 17 Dec 06; 35°-50° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 16 observers. Total party hours 68.

Canada Goose 1900; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 12; Am. Wigeon 30; Am. Black Duck 32; Mallard 159; No. Pintail 2; Ring-necked Duck 49; Bufflehead 29; Co. Goldeneye 37; Hooded Merganser 97; Co. Merganser 147; Ruddy Duck 46; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild

Turkey 47; Co. Loon 3; Horned Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 7; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 50; Am. Kestrel 1; Am. Coot 2; **Wilson's Snipe 1**; Ring-billed Gull 111; Herring Gull 227; Great Black-backed Gull 1 LC; Rock Pigeon 261; Mourning Dove 313; E Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 5; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 30; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 78; Hairy Woodpecker 14; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 16; E. Phoebe 1; Blue Jay 270; Am. Crow 2387; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 499; Tufted Titmouse 87; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1 LC; White-breasted Nuthatch 104; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 11; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 80; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 260; **Gray Catbird 1**; No. Mockingbird 2 LC; European Starling 2876; Cedar Waxwing 204; Am. Tree Sparrow 117; Song Sparrow 23; White-throated Sparrow 78; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 524; No. Cardinal 78; **Co. Grackle 1**; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; House Finch 89; Am. Goldfinch 180; House Sparrow 105.

**Total:** 69 species. **Participants:** Jocelyn Cole-Caulkins, Briana Gary, Gary Goodness, Don Gresens, Richard Guthrie, Denise Hackert-Stoner, **Alan Mapes (compiler)**, Tina Markopoulos, John Ozard, Patti Packer, Ellen Pemrick, Danika Raup, Will Raup, Scott Stoner, Jim Suozzo, Craig Thompson.

### **Beaver Meadow [NYBM]**

42.68° N 78.37° W; 16 Dec 06; 32°-41° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 21 observers. Total party hours 59.

Canada Goose 3174; Mute Swan 1; Tundra Swan 500; 59 Mallard; Co. Merganser 4; domestic duck sp. x Mallard 1; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 7; Great Blue Heron 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 36; Rough-legged Hawk 2; hawk sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 8; Ring-billed Gull 127; Herring Gull 4; gull sp. 3; Rock Pigeon 484; Mourning Dove 188; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 4; **No. Saw Whet Owl 1**; **Red-headed Woodpecker 1**; Red-bellied Woodpecker 16; Downy Woodpecker 60; Hairy Woodpecker 29; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 8; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 635; Am. Crow 639; **Co. Raven 3**; Horned Lark 40; Black-capped Chickadee 561; Tufted Titmouse 24; Red-breasted Nuthatch 15; White-breasted Nuthatch 54; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; E. Bluebird 5; Am. Robin 23; **No. Mockingbird 1**; European Starling 2598; Cedar Waxwing 67; Am. Tree Sparrow 34; Song Sparrow 4; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 2; White-crowned Sparrow 2; sparrow sp. 23; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 237; Snow Bunting 120; No. Cardinal 24; Co. Grackle 15; Brown-headed Cowbird 25; House Finch 98; Am. Goldfinch 198; Evening Grosbeak 1; House Sparrow 370.

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### **Binghamton [NYBI]**

42.18° N 75.97° W; 17 Dec 06; 36°-49° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy, light rain; 27 observers. Total party hours 111.

Canada Goose 1877; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 405; **Ring-necked Duck 3**; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 164; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 185; **No. Bobwhite 1**; Great Blue Heron 18; **Green Heron 1**; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-

tailed Hawk 44; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 1; **Merlin 2**; Peregrine Falcon 4; **Am. Woodcock 1**; Ring-billed Gull 132; Herring Gull 22; Rock Pigeon 2170; Mourning Dove 470; E Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker **125**; Hairy Woodpecker 41; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 236; Am. Crow 1158; **Co. Raven 4**; Black-capped Chickadee 857; Tufted Titmouse **187**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch **132**; Brown Creeper 18; Carolina Wren 22; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird **56**; Am. Robin 3; No. Mockingbird 8; European Starling 2190; Cedar Waxwing 43; Am. Tree Sparrow 64; Chipping Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 6; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 11; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 295; No. Cardinal 142; **Rusty Blackbird 1**; House Finch 239; Am. Goldfinch 95; House Sparrow 685.

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### **Bolton Landing [NYBL]**

43.55° N 73.65° W; 16 Dec 06; 37°-50° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 11 observers. Total party hours 45.25.

Canada Goose 55; Mallard 150; duck sp. 2; White-winged Scoter 2; Bufflehead 6; Co. Goldeneye 135; Hooded Merganser 12; Co. Merganser 12; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 14; Horned Grebe 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 4; Ring-billed Gull 26; Herring Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 66; Mourning Dove 128; Downy Woodpecker 15; Hairy Woodpecker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 6; woodpecker sp. 1; Blue Jay 104; Am. Crow 119; Co. Raven 10; Black-capped Chickadee 294; Tufted Titmouse 35; Red-breasted Nuthatch 12; White-breasted Nuthatch 58; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 18; Am. Robin 2; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 91; sparrow sp. 15; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 76; No. Cardinal 6; House Finch 6; Am. Goldfinch 376; House Sparrow 29.

**Total:** 36 species. **Participants:** Henry Caldwell, Mary Dreyer, John Gaddy, Bill Gates, Nancy Kimball, **Chris Krahling (compiler)**, Eric Krantz, Chris Roberts, Joan Robertson, Ed Scheiber, Edna Van Dorsten.

### **Bronx-Westchester Region [NYBW]**

40.88° N 73.75° W; Dec 06; 53°-63° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM clear; 76 observers. Total party hours 192.5.

Snow Goose 2; 'Atlantic' Brant 1475; Canada Goose 3681 LC; Mute Swan 168; Wood Duck 4; Gadwall 75; Am. Wigeon 273; Am. Black Duck 639; Mallard 1322; No. Shoveler 47; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 26; Canvasback 12; Redhead 1; Greater Scaup 10052; Lesser Scaup 103; scaup sp. 200; Surf Scoter 6; White-winged Scoter CW; Black Scoter 2; Long-tailed Duck 59; Bufflehead 665; Co. Goldeneye 45 LC; Hooded Merganser 152; Co. Merganser 28; Red-breasted Merganser 235; Ruddy Duck 171; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 8; Ring-necked Pheasant 6; Wild Turkey 20; Red-throated Loon 19; Co. Loon 8; loon sp. 1; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Horned Grebe 10; No. Gannet 1; Double-crested Cormorant 69; Great Cormorant 36; cormorant sp. 4; Great Blue Heron 28; Black-crowned Night-Heron 2; Turkey Vulture 6; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 14; Cooper's Hawk 14; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 92; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 7; Virginia Rail 4; Killdeer 16; **Lesser Yellowlegs 1**; Ruddy Turnstone 1; Purple Sandpiper 15; Dunlin 1; Wilson's

Snipe 3; Am. Woodcock 2; Bonaparte's Gull 37; Ring-billed Gull 4887; Herring Gull 976; Great Black-backed Gull 129; Rock Pigeon 1725; Mourning Dove **1282**; Monk Parakeet **25**; E Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 9; Barred Owl CW; No. Saw-whet Owl 2; **Rufous Hummingbird 1**; Belted Kingfisher 26; Red-bellied Woodpecker 165; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12; Downy Woodpecker 182; Hairy Woodpecker 63; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 25; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 848; Am. Crow 520; Fish Crow 32; Black-capped Chickadee 351; Tufted Titmouse 486; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 125; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 184; House Wren 2; Winter Wren 37; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 9; Hermit Thrush 28; Am. Robin **954**; Gray Catbird 12; No. Mockingbird 131; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 2371; Cedar Waxwing 30; Orange-crowned Warbler 2; **Nashville Warbler 1**; **Am. Redstart 1**; E. Towhee 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 175; Chipping Sparrow 4; Field Sparrow 7; Fox Sparrow 51; Song Sparrow 468; Swamp Sparrow 25; White-throated Sparrow 2318; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1224; No. Cardinal 376; **Indigo Bunting 1**; Red-winged Blackbird 424; Rusty Blackbird 24; Co. Grackle 2697; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; **Baltimore Oriole 1**; House Finch 306; Am. Goldfinch 374; House Sparrow 2222.

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### **Brooklyn [NYBR]**

40.6° N 73.93° W; 16 Dec 06; 30°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 68 observers. Total party hours 85.

Snow Goose **645 (+8 Blue Morph)**; 'Atlantic' Brant 6810; Canada Goose 1724; Mute Swan **139**; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 102; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 127 LC; Am. Black Duck 563; Mallard 615; No. Shoveler **770**; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal **215**; Canvasback 15 LC; Redhead 2; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 1500; Lesser Scaup 85; Surf Scoter 1; White-winged Scoter 1; Black Scoter 25; scoter sp. 40; Long-tailed Duck 91; Bufflehead 1036; Co. Goldeneye 28; Hooded Merganser 55; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 393; Ruddy Duck 1000; Ring-necked Pheasant 4; Red-throated Loon 42; Co. Loon 35; Pied-billed Grebe 13; Horned Grebe 100; Red-necked Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 115; Great Cormorant 64; Great Blue Heron 22; Great Egret 2; Black-crowned Night-Heron 4; No. Harrier 15; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2 LC; Cooper's Hawk 9; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 19; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 7; Merlin 7; Peregrine Falcon 7; falcon sp. 1; Clapper Rail 6; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 228; Black-bellied Plover 4; Am. Oystercatcher 4; Greater Yellowlegs 4; Ruddy Turnstone 1; Sanderling 146; Purple Sandpiper 51; Dunlin 74; Am. Woodcock 6; Bonaparte's Gull 70; Ring-billed Gull **5568**; Herring Gull 9305; Great

Black-backed Gull 1126; Rock Pigeon 1118; Mourning Dove 331; Monk Parakeet 35; Barn Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 25; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 8; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 13 LC; Blue Jay 62; Am. Crow 185 LC; Fish Crow 4; Horned Lark 58; Black-capped Chickadee 38; Tufted Titmouse 20; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 11; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren **39**; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 7; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 48; Gray Catbird 5; No. Mockingbird 76; European Starling 2277; Am. Pipit 9; Cedar Waxwing 8; **Yellow Warbler 1**; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 258; Pine Warbler 1; Palm Warbler 4; Yellow-breasted Chat 2; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 77; Chipping Sparrow 7; Field Sparrow 2; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 3; Fox Sparrow 13; Song Sparrow 237; Swamp Sparrow 11; White-throated Sparrow 433; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 254; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 76; No. Cardinal 161; Red-winged Blackbird 142; E. Meadowlark 2; Rusty Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 1; Boat-tailed Grackle 54; Brown-headed Cowbird **1111**; House Finch 151; Am. Goldfinch 29 LC; House Sparrow 437.

**Total:** 122 species. **Participants:** Greg Angeli, Alan Baratz, Monica Berger, Shane Blodgett, Joe Borker, Jean Bourque, Ronald Bourque, Roberto Cavalieros, Rick Cech, Steven Cleman, John Criscitiello, Edward Crowne, Dale Dancis, Donald Davis, Joseph DiCostanzo Peter Dorosh, Dale Dyer, Mary J. Eyster, Tom Fiore, Joe Giunta, Doug Gochfeld, Robert Gochfeld, Emily Goldstein, Cindy Goulder, Dennis Gurney, Valerie Heidt, Bill Jeffrey, Rob Jett, Eileen Jones, Peter Joost, Jessica Katz, **Paul Keim (compiler)**, Jeffrey Kimball, Gerald Layton, John LePore, Bob Machover, Grace Markiman, Deborah Martin, Chuck McAlexander, Pat McCarty, Mary McDonnell, Karlo Mirth, Steve Nanz, Suzanne Ortiz, Sandra Paci, Traci Paris, Emily Peyton, Tom Preston, Richard Rabkin, Marge Raymond, Don Recklies, Jeff Ritter, Eric Salzman, Gil Schrank, Janet Schumacher, Sean Sime, Heidi Steiner, Tom Stephenson, Lenore Swenson, Nancy Tim, Louise Voccoli, Steve Walter, Gabriel Willow, Matthew Wills, Marisa Wohl, John Yrizarry, Janet Zinn.

### **Buffalo [NYBU]**

43.0° N 78.97° W; 17 Dec 06; 48°-56° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 33 observers. Total party hours 125.5.

Canada Goose 4284; Tundra Swan **169**; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 85; Am. Wigeon 26; Am. Black Duck 43; Mallard 2009; No. Pintail 10; Canvasback 761; Redhead 63; Greater Scaup 1199; Lesser Scaup 7; scaup sp. 1162; White-winged Scoter 1; Bufflehead 1186; Co. Goldeneye 1875; Hooded Merganser 43; Co. Merganser 884; Red-breasted Merganser 272; Wild Turkey 15; Co. Loon 5; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 2; **Red-necked Grebe 1**; Double-crested Cormorant **21**; Great Blue Heron 21; Bald Eagle 5; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 10; Red-tailed Hawk 60; hawk sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 7; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 3; Purple Sandpiper 3; Little Gull 2; Bonaparte's Gull 11950; Ring-billed Gull 1766; Herring Gull 8664; Iceland Gull 3; Lesser Black-backed Gull 4; Great Black-backed Gull 243; gull sp. 2000; Rock Pigeon 960; Mourning Dove 295; E Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 3; No. Saw Whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker **25**; Downy Woodpecker 101; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 5; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 157; Am. Crow 1989; Horned Lark 6; Black-capped Chickadee 581; Tufted Titmouse 37; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 39; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 2; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 21; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 14; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 290; No. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 5660; Cedar Waxwing 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 46; Song Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 87; White-

crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 153; No. Cardinal 149; House Finch 80; Am. Goldfinch 96; House Sparrow 595.

**Total:** 79 species. **Participants:** William Bogacki (compiler), Pat Bogan, William Burch, Thomas Burke, Drew Campbell, Bruce Chilton, Thomas Connare, William D'Anna, Blayne Farnan, Jean Farnan, John Filor, Michael F Galas, Michael Hamilton, Douglas Happ, Audrey Horbett, James Landau, Karen Landau, Pat Martin, Thomas M O'Donnell, Carol O'Shea, Betsy Potter, Edward F Ratajczak, Frances M Rew, Gerald R Rising, Donald C Roberson, Vicki Rothman, Kayo Roy, Dennis Russell, Timothy Simon, Robert M Wagner, William Watson, Maria Zawistowski, Michael A Zebehayz.

### **Captree [NYCA]**

40.7° N 73.25° W; 17 Dec 06; 30°-54° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 34 observers. Total party hours 104.

Snow Goose 2; 'Atlantic' Brant 1364; Canada Goose 3074; Mute Swan 77; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 246; Am. Wigeon 32; Am. Black Duck 1115; Mallard 875; **Blue-winged Teal 1**; No. Shoveler 9; No. Pintail 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 64; Canvasback 26; Redhead 32; Ring-necked Duck 167; Greater Scaup 4884; Lesser Scaup 247; scaup sp. 31; Co. Eider 1; Surf Scoter 10; White-winged Scoter CW; Black Scoter 38; scoter sp. 40; Long-tailed Duck 337; Bufflehead 416; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 711; Red-breasted Merganser 182; Ruddy Duck 150; Wild Turkey 3; Red-throated Loon 31; Co. Loon 36; Pied-billed Grebe 12; Horned Grebe 3; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet 477; Double-crested Cormorant 9; Great Cormorant 4; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 46; Great Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 3; No. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk; 12; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 7; **Yellow Rail 1**; Am. Coot 24; Black-bellied Plover 10; Killdeer 2; **Am. Oystercatcher 1**; Greater Yellowlegs 3; Sanderling 95; Dunlin 162; Wilson's Snipe 8; Laughing Gull CW; Bonaparte's Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 1303; Herring Gull 1635; Great Black-backed Gull 308; Razorbill 1; Rock Pigeon 454; Mourning Dove 364; **Monk Parakeet CW**; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 17; Red-bellied Woodpecker 22; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 51; Hairy Woodpecker 7; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 7; Blue Jay 75; Am. Crow 181; Fish Crow 206; crow sp. 20; Horned Lark 45; Black-capped Chickadee 256; Tufted Titmouse 44; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 8; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 63; Winter Wren 5; Marsh Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 30; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 244; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 71; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 1589; Am. Pipit 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 88; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 69; Chipping Sparrow CW; Field Sparrow 5; Savannah Sparrow 27; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 2; Seaside Sparrow CW; Fox Sparrow 15; Song Sparrow 197; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 278; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 133; Snow Bunting 121; No. Cardinal 124; Red-winged Blackbird 134; E. Meadowlark 1; Rusty Blackbird CW; Brown-headed Cowbird 15; House Finch 134; Am. Goldfinch 91; House Sparrow 436.

**Total:** 110 species. **Participants:** Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, Walter Chaskel, Michael Cooper (compiler), Steve D'Amato, Ed Davis, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Jack Finkenber, Jack Foehrenbach, Gerta Fritz, John Fritz, John Gluth, Bob Grover, Joel Horman, Margaret Horman, Doris Kaufman, Rich Kelly, Bob Kurtz, Ed Lenihan, Pat Lindsay, Bob Meissler, Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Palumbo, Bob Puglielli, Linda Puglielli, Jim Romansky, Ed Smith, Jonathon Stocker, Lee Stocker, Diane Teta, Ken Thompson, Edith Wilson, Robert Wilson.

### **Catskill-Coxsackie [NYCT]**

42.28° N 73.88° W. 14 Dec 06; 29°-55° F; AM foggy; PM cloudy; 19 observers. Total party hours 104.

Canada Goose 1706; Mute Swan 10; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 11; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 260; Mallard 244; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 8; Long-tailed Duck 2; Co. Goldeneye 3; Hooded Merganser 6; Co. Merganser 24; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 1; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle 5; No. Harrier 38; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 95; Am. Kestrel 5; Peregrine Falcon 2; Killdeer 1; **Wilson's Snipe CW**; Ring-billed Gull 406; Herring Gull 1072; Iceland Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 56; Rock Pigeon 202; Mourning Dove 321; E. Screech-Owl 6; Great Horned Owl 2; **Snowy Owl 1**; Barred Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker **41**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 74; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 32; Pileated Woodpecker 13; **E. Phoebe 1**; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 249; Am. Crow 550; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 70; Black-capped Chickadee 351; Tufted Titmouse 155; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 109; Brown Creeper 14; Carolina Wren **41**; Winter Wren 6; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 31; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird **162**; Am. Robin 1129; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 36; European Starling 1926; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing 169; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; **Co. Yellowthroat CW**; **E. Towhee 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 199; Savannah Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow **107**; Swamp Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 158; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 623; No. Cardinal 80; Red-winged Blackbird 20; Co. Grackle 14; House Finch 146; Am. Goldfinch 123; House Sparrow 211.

**Total:** 83 species. **Participants:** Larry Alden, Jon Boulette, John & Alta Cannon/Turner, Scott & Janie Crocoll, David Diaz, Larry Fedderman, Woody Gillies, **Richard Guthrie (compiler)**, Jory Langner, Bill Lee, Paul Rappelyea, Will Raup, Peter Schoenberger, LeRoy & Judy Suess, Jamie Taft, Eugene Vermilyea.

### **Central Suffolk County [NYCS]**

40.83° N 72.78° W; 23 Dec 06; 53°-58° F; AM foggy, light rain; PM cloudy; 34 observers. Total party hours 95.25.

Snow Goose 4; 'Atlantic' Brant 259; Canada Goose 1032; Mute Swan 213; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 37; Am. Wigeon 56; Am. Black Duck 800; Mallard 981; No. Pintail 4; 'American' Green-winged Teal 45; duck sp. 4; Canvasback 180; Redhead 54; Ring-necked Duck **436**; Tufted Duck 7 [unprecedented; details desired—Ed.]; Greater Scaup 1833; Lesser Scaup 609; Co. Eider 4; Surf Scoter 1104; White-winged Scoter 28; Black Scoter 405; scoter sp. **5000**; Long-tailed Duck 153; Bufflehead 1205; Co. Goldeneye 318; **Barrow's Goldeneye 2**; Hooded Merganser 99; Red-breasted Merganser 820; Ruddy Duck 1450; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 74; No. Bobwhite 2; Red-throated Loon 37; Co. Loon 48; Pied-billed Grebe 12; Horned Grebe 8; Red-necked Grebe 2; No. Gannet **2024**; Double-crested Cormorant 9; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 49; Black-crowned Night-Heron 3; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 12; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 32; Am. Kestrel 6; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 2; Clapper Rail 1; Am. Coot 65; Black-bellied Plover 39; Killdeer 4; **Am. Oystercatcher 1**; Greater Yellowlegs 7; Lesser Yellowlegs 2; Willet 2; Ruddy Turnstone 1; Red Knot **350** [unprecedented; details desired—Ed.]; Sanderling 69; Dunlin **763**; **Short-billed Dowitcher** [unprecedented; details desired—Ed.]; Wilson's Snipe 3; Am. Woodcock 2; Laughing Gull; Bonaparte's Gull 7; Ring-billed Gull 928; Herring Gull 1543; Great Black-backed Gull 426; Rock Pigeon 266; Mourning Dove 466; Barn Owl 1; E. Screech-

Owl 9; Great Horned Owl 6; Belted Kingfisher 30; Red-bellied Woodpecker 25; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 61; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 26; E. Phoebe 2; Blue Jay 203; Am. Crow 217; Horned Lark 12; Black-capped Chickadee 391; Tufted Titmouse 94; White-breasted Nuthatch 17; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 87; Winter Wren 7; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 69; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 26; Hermit Thrush 13; Am. Robin 1214; Gray Catbird 14; No. Mockingbird 57; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 8313; Cedar Waxwing 6; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 112; Pine Warbler 2; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 38; Chipping Sparrow 3; Field Sparrow 35; Vesper Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 19; Fox Sparrow 8; Song Sparrow 213; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow 398; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 272; Snow Bunting 2; No. Cardinal 114; Red-winged Blackbird 544; E. Meadowlark 11; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 1500; **Boat-tailed Grackle 12**; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; House Finch 235; Am. Goldfinch 53; House Sparrow 411.

**Total:** 127 species. **Participants:** Andrew Baldelli, Greg Baron, Michele Baron, Steve Biasetti, James Clinton Jr., James Clinton Jr. Jr., Mike Cooper, Steve D'Amato, Allyson Dyer, Marilyn England, Stephen Fournier, Chris Gangemi, Bob Gerdt, Mike Higgiston, Craig Johann, Ed Johann, Samantha Johann, Tom Johann, Jay Kuhlman, Susan Kuhlman, Mary Laura Lamont, Don MacKenzie, John McNeal, Rick Mohlmann, Daniel Morris, Kevin Nolan, Alice Osterlund, James Osterlund, Richard Sautkulis, Dr. Al Scherzer, Eileen Schwinn, Lee Stanley, Carl Starace, Daniel V. Wilson. **Compiler:** James Clinton Sr.

### **Chatham [NYCM]**

42.37° N 73.65° W. 16 Dec 06; 40°-49° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy; 34 observers. Total party hours 88.5.

Snow Goose 638; Canada Goose 3049; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 33; Mallard 187; Co. Merganser 20; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 32; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 10; No. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 116; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 4; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Ring-billed Gull 118; Herring Gull 74; Great Black-backed Gull 16; Rock Pigeon 231; Mourning Dove 281; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 42; Downy Woodpecker 99; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 191; Am. Crow 1012; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark 30; Black-capped Chickadee 559; Tufted Titmouse 149; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 84; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 6; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; E. Bluebird 86; Am. Robin 419; No. Mockingbird 25; European Starling 1733; Cedar Waxwing 99; **E. Towhee 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 71; **Chipping Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 12; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 67; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 412; No. Cardinal 93; Red-winged Blackbird 500; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 111; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 65; Am. Goldfinch 122; House Sparrow 227.

**Total:** 62 species. **Participants:** Marcia Anderson, Roberta Bernstein, Jon Boulette, Clare Brachen, Ron Bussian, Mike Butler, Mona Cady, Margot Carroll, Robert Carroll, Sue Carroll, **William Cook (compiler)**, Elizabeth Davis, Elle Dietemann, Elisabeth Grace, Richard Guthrie, Nicholas Haylett, Tim Husband, Nancy Kern, Mitzi Lobdell, Gale Nord, Richard Nord, John Piwowarski, Vicki Sand, Susan Scheck, Kathryn Schneider, William Schneider, Ellen Scott, Debbie Shaw, Carl Specht, Helen Specht, Stephanie Specht, Marion Ulmer, Willard Ulmer, Maryann Weber, Carol Whitby, Owen Whitby, Cris Winters.



### Clinton [NYCL]

43.08° N 75.33° W. 16 Dec 06; 37°-41° F; AM cloudy, light rain, light snow; PM cloudy; 32 observers. Total party hours 77.5.

Snow Goose 2; Canada Goose **6760**; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 500; **No. Shoveler 1**; No. Pintail 1; Bufflehead 4; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 21; Red-breasted Merganser 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 52; Co. Loon 1; Great Blue Heron 2; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; No. Goshawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 3; Red-tailed Hawk 41; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Ring-billed Gull 48; Herring Gull 5; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 1113; Mourning Dove 281; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 82; Hairy Woodpecker 26; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Blue Jay 196; Am. Crow 3542; Horned Lark 132; Black-capped Chickadee 431; Tufted Titmouse 51; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 52; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 12; Am. Robin 19; European Starling 3444; Cedar Waxwing 49; Am. Tree Sparrow 125; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 46; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 130; Snow Bunting 5; No. Cardinal 69; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 149; Am. Goldfinch 140; House Sparrow 426.

**Total:** 57 species. **Participants:** Carol Adams, Betty Armbruster, Dick Bedient, William Billiter, Paul Brown, Julie Chanatry, James Francis, Marcia Garber, Steve Hall, Dave Hazelton, John Kapshaw, Patricia Kuhn, Gates Mary, Judy McIntyre, Pat McIntyre, Cecily Myers, **Matt Perry (compiler)**, Debby Quayle, Nathan Riley, Ian Rosenstein, Cheri Sassman, Robert Smith, Sheila Smith, Arlene Somer, Steven Speno, Ken Szczesniak, Linda Thomas, Ernest Williams, Mary Zarnoch-Riley.

### Conesus-Hemlock-Honeoye Lakes [NYCH]

42.78° N 77.62° W. 30 Dec 06; 30°-36° F; AM cloudy, light rain, light snow; PM cloudy, light rain, light snow; 34 observers. Total party hours 65.5.

**Cackling Goose 3**; Canada Goose 1964; Mute Swan 2; Tundra Swan 24; Gadwall 16; Am. Black Duck 127; Mallard 478; Canvasback 32; Redhead 1395; Ring-necked Duck 136; Greater Scaup 6; Lesser Scaup 12; scaup sp. 70; **Long-tailed Duck 1**; Bufflehead 257; Co. Goldeneye **697**; Hooded Merganser 223; Co. Merganser 20; Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 3; Co. Loon **13**; Pied-billed Grebe 4; **Red-necked Grebe 1**; Great Blue Heron 6; No. Harrier **18**; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 62; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 5; Am. Coot 162; Ring-billed Gull 4607; Herring Gull 40; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Rock Pigeon 262; Mourning Dove 573; E. Screech-Owl 41; Great Horned Owl 16; Short-eared Owl 10; No. Saw-whet Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 73; Downy Woodpecker 127; Hairy Woodpecker 33; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 31; Pileated Woodpecker 27; **E. Phoebe 2**; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 230; Am. Crow 843; Horned Lark 5; Black-capped Chickadee 780; Tufted Titmouse 72; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 121; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren **27**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 18; E. Bluebird 40; Am. Robin 9; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 3040; Cedar Waxwing 38; Co. Yellowthroat 1; **E. Towhee 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 297; Field Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 17; Swamp Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow 15; White-crowned Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 150; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 60; No. Cardinal 234; Red-winged Blackbird 60; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; House Finch 95; Pine Siskin 4; Am. Goldfinch 203; House Sparrow 420.

**Total:** 82 species. **Participants:** Randy Baker, Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, John Boettcher, Peter Debes, Jon Dombrowski, Jay Greenberg, Thomas Hampson, Jack Hartwig, Jim Kimball, Gary Klue, John Lehr, Pat Martin, Chita McKinney, **Robert**

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### **Corning [NYCO]**

42.1° N 77.13° W; 16 Dec 06; 31°-43° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM clear; 13 observers. Total party hours 64.5.

Canada Goose 984; Am. Black Duck 6; Mallard 282; Bufflehead 1; **Co. Goldeneye** 7; Hooded Merganser 9; Co. Merganser 7; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 3; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 3; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 32; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 3; Ring-billed Gull 56; Herring Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 621; Mourning Dove 104; E. Screech-Owl 7; Belted Kingfisher 11; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 34; Hairy Woodpecker 16; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 123; Am. Crow 562; Co. Raven 27; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 229; Tufted Titmouse 44; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 36; Brown Creeper 11; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 16; Am. Robin 17; No. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 766; Cedar Waxwing 53; Am. Tree Sparrow 34; Song Sparrow 10; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 7; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 214; No. Cardinal 55; House Finch 40; Am. Goldfinch 101; House Sparrow 200.

**Total:** 52 species. **Participants:** Marcia Christian, Irving Cook, Steve Cooper, Brett Hoffman, Jim Ochterski, **Bill Ostrander (compiler)**, Joan Ostrander, Mary Passage, Tom Pawlak, Virginia Pawlak, Mike Powers, George Strothman, Graham Wightman.

### **Cortland [NYCR]**

42.67° N 76.27° W; 16 Dec 06; 14°-34° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy; 22 observers. Total party hours 72.

**Cackling Goose** 1; Canada Goose **5520**; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 460; **Blue-winged Teal** 1; Redhead 4; Ring-necked Duck 10; Lesser Scaup 8; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye 34; Hooded Merganser 19; Co. Merganser **32**; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 34; Co. Loon 6; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 8; No. Harrier CW; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 39; Rough-legged Hawk 12; Am. Kestrel 4; **Merlin** 1; Am. Coot 2; Ring-billed Gull 145; Herring Gull 32; Great Black-backed Gull 23; Rock Pigeon 703; Mourning Dove 90 LC; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; **Long-eared Owl** 2; **No. Saw-whet Owl** 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 17; Downy Woodpecker **63**; Hairy Woodpecker 23; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay **367**; Am. Crow **6151**; Co. Raven 6; Horned Lark 21; Black-capped Chickadee **1003**; Tufted Titmouse 17; Red-breasted Nuthatch 101; White-breasted Nuthatch 69; Brown Creeper **20**; Carolina Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 25; E. Bluebird 3; Am. Robin 28; No. Mockingbird **3**; European Starling **4246**; Cedar Waxwing 36; Am. Tree Sparrow 60; Song Sparrow 14; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 4; **White-crowned Sparrow** 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 405; No. Cardinal 44; Red-winged Blackbird 1; **E. Meadowlark** 1; **Rusty Blackbird** 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 12; Purple Finch **48**; House Finch 41; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 76; House Sparrow 331.

**Total:** 72 species. **Participants:** James Barry, Gail Benedict, Linda Christie, Joe Governali, Nancy Governali, John Gustafson, Meena Haribel, Steve Kelling, Jay McGowan, James McKenna, Bobbi Monroe, Bard Prentiss, Judy Reed, Ken Rosenberg, Ernie Spainhower, Arnold Talentino, Bill Toner, Les Wedge, Chris Wood, **Matthew Young (compiler)**.

### **Dunkirk-Fredonia [NYFR]**

42.43° N 79.28° W; 1 Jan 07; 39°-47° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy, light rain; 22 observers. Total party hours 41.

Canada Goose 1439; Mallard 49; Canvasback 1; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 10; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 26; Co. Goldeneye 6; Hooded Merganser 27; Co. Merganser 29; Red-breasted Merganser 7; Ruddy Duck 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 5; Wild Turkey 49; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 5; Double-crested Cormorant 139; **Bald Eagle 1**; Cooper's Hawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 24; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 4; Am. Coot 119; Bonaparte's Gull 5; Ring-billed Gull 336; Herring Gull 10; Great Black-backed Gull 72; Rock Pigeon 181; Mourning Dove 96; Belted Kingfisher CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 8; Downy Woodpecker 25; Hairy Woodpecker 7; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 4; Blue Jay 62; Am. Crow 374; Black-capped Chickadee 105; Tufted Titmouse 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 11; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 10; Am. Robin 23; European Starling 1082; Am. Tree Sparrow 45; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 5; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 50; No. Cardinal 19; Red-winged Blackbird 3; House Finch 17; Am. Goldfinch 17; House Sparrow 49.

**Total:** 54 species. **Participants:** Paul Farver & Joanne Goetz (co-compilers), Joe Gula, Carol Hardenburg, Terry Mahoney, Terry Mosher, Robert Peterson, Beverly Ruska, Audrey Schafer, Mary Shearman, Jeanine Smith, Ted Taft.

### **Dutchess County [NYDC]**

41.68° N 73.8° W; 16 Dec 06; 37°-48° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 48 observers. Total party hours 108.

Snow Goose CW; Canada Goose 5010; Mute Swan 52; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 37; Mallard 562; No. Pintail 2; Canvasback 1; Redhead 3; Ring-necked Duck 125; Lesser Scaup 1; Hooded Merganser 24; Co. Merganser 96; Ruddy Duck 30; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Wild Turkey 123; **Double-crested Cormorant 2**; **Great Cormorant 1**; Great Blue Heron 11; Black Vulture 3; Turkey Vulture 9; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 89; Am. Kestrel 1 LC; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Am. Coot 62; Killdeer 1; Ring-billed Gull 487; Herring Gull 7; Great Black-backed Gull 2; gull sp. 1000; Rock Pigeon 529; Mourning Dove 394; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 12; Red-bellied Woodpecker 135; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 130; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 37; Pileated Woodpecker 15; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 249; Am. Crow 1777; Fish Crow 6; **Co. Raven 2**; Black-capped Chickadee 379; Tufted Titmouse 254; White-breasted Nuthatch 138; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 62; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 188; Am. Robin 131; No. Mockingbird 68; European Starling 1828; Cedar Waxwing 67; Am. Tree Sparrow 31 LC; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 51; White-throated Sparrow 212; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 755; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal 152; Red-winged Blackbird 7; E. Meadowlark 1; Co. Grackle 55; Brown-headed Cowbird 91; House Finch 211; Am. Goldfinch 164; House Sparrow 234.

**Total:** 76 species. **Participants:** Janet Allison, Tracy Ansley, John Balint, Peter Bedrossian, Robert Bowler, Kate Buckley, **Barbara Butler (co-compiler)**, Tammie Carey, Betsy Carswell, **William R. Case (co-compiler)**, Binnie Chase, Alex Coffey, Rosa Corbeels, Bud Fair, Melisa Fisher, Dorothy M. Fleury, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Richard Gershon, Steve Golladay, Rod Gonzalaz, Jean Green, Barry Haydasz, Suzanne Infante, Art Jones, Susan Joseph, Robert Kendall, Maury Lacher,

Miriam Lacher, Carmelita Liao, Barbara Mansell, Liz Martens, Tully McElrath, Barbara Michelin, Krista Morris, Tony Pell, Carena Pooth, Marjorie Robinson, Howard Slocum, Thalia Sudnik, Michele Tarsa, Herbert A. Thompson, Johanna Tomik, Bert Vincent, Chester Vincent, Frederick Waterman, Robert Williams, Joe Woeleader.

### **Eastern Orange County [NYEO]**

41.48° N 74.15° W; 16 Dec 06; 34°-48° F; AM partly cloudy; PM clear; 31 observers. Total party hours 125.

Snow Goose 13; Canada Goose 6372; Mute Swan **96**; Wood Duck CW; Gadwall 4; Am. Wigeon 2; Am. Black Duck 6 LC; Mallard 402; 'American' Green-winged Teal CW; Canvasback 3; Ring-necked Duck **267**; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 16; Hooded Merganser 73; Co. Merganser 114; Ruddy Duck 105; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 38; **Red-throated Loon 1**; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Cormorant 6; Great Blue Heron 14; Black Vulture 2; Turkey Vulture **15**; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 12; Red-tailed Hawk 120; Am. Kestrel 2; Am. Coot 10; Killdeer CW; Ring-billed Gull 2096; Herring Gull 49; Great Black-backed Gull 52; Rock Pigeon 381; Mourning Dove 444; **Monk Parakeet 2**; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 72 LC; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 157; Hairy Woodpecker 17; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker **21**; Pileated Woodpecker 4; E. Phoebe 1; Blue Jay 216 LC; Am. Crow 6279; Fish Crow **20**; **Co. Raven 5**; Horned Lark 34; Black-capped Chickadee 478; Tufted Titmouse 340; White-breasted Nuthatch 138; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 50; Winter Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 204; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 185; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 52; European Starling 2776; E. Towhee CW; Am. Tree Sparrow 90; Field Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 51; Swamp Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 273; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 790; No. Cardinal 153; Red-winged Blackbird 456; E. Meadowlark 1; Co. Grackle 16; Brown-headed Cowbird 106; **Baltimore Oriole 1**; House Finch 311; Am. Goldfinch 278; House Sparrow 415.

**Total:** 82 species. **Participants:** Barry Babcock, Lynn Barber, Karen Brady, Kevin Brady, Jodi Brodsky, Tom Crepet, Joe Cullen, Greg Faller, Bill Fiero, Fitz Fitzpatrick, Jan Fitzpatrick, Chris Fryer, Jeff Goulding, Wayne Hall, Bill Ianonne, Ken Kijewski, Curt McDermott, Ken McDermott, Dennis Murphy, Gerhard Patsch, Steve Schuyler, Bob Senerchia, Kelly Sheridan, **Robert Slechta (compiler)**, Herb Stein, Linda Strohl, Jane Tiller, Jane Vecchione, Irene Warshauer.

### **Elizabethtown [NYEZ]**

44°13'N 73°36'W; center at Essex Co. Courthouse; 23 Dec 06; 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 40°-49°F. Wind Variable, 0-5 m.p.h. Snow cover: 0-1 inches. Still water partly frozen, moving water open; AM cloudy with light to heavy rain; PM cloudy with no rain to heavy rain. Observers: 23 in field in 8 parties (non-owling). Total party-hours: 64.5 (27.5 on foot and 37.0 by car). Total party-miles: 373.9 (24.9 on foot and 349 by car). Feeder effort: none. Owling effort: 5 miles covered in 1.25 hours.

Mallard 24, **Hooded Merganser 20**, Ruffed Grouse 17, Wild Turkey **35**, **No. Harrier 1**, **Cooper's Hawk 1**, Red-tailed Hawk **9**, Rough-legged Hawk **5**, Rock Pigeon 113, Mourning Dove **171**, Barred Owl **2**, **Belted Kingfisher 1**, Downy Woodpecker 44, Hairy Woodpecker 18, Pileated Woodpecker 5, No. Shrike 3, Blue Jay 165, Am. Crow 221, Co. Raven 28, Black-capped Chickadee 709, Boreal Chickadee 3, Tufted Titmouse **28**, Red-breasted Nuthatch 105, White-breasted Nuthatch 33, Brown Creeper **9**, **Carolina Wren 1**, Golden-crowned Kinglet 31, **Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1**, E. Bluebird 3, Am.

Robin 9, **Gray Catbird 1**, European Starling 254, Am. Tree Sparrow 129, Dark-eyed Junco 145, No. Cardinal **18**, Purple Finch 2, House Finch 4, Red Crossbill 7, Am. Goldfinch 128, Evening Grosbeak 23, House Sparrow 40.

**Totals:** 41 count-day species; 2,566 individuals. **Participants:** Robin Brown, Sally Conyne, Una Creedon-Carey, Beth Edmonds, Frank Gill, Don Griffin, **Julie Hart (co-compiler)**, Ruth Kuhfahl, **Matthew Medler (co-compiler)**, Megan Murphy, Dan Nickerson, Stan Oliya, John M.C. Peterson, Susan French Peterson, Dana Rohleder, Nancy Slack, Carole Slatkin, Hank Stebbins, Eric Teed, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, Eve Ticknor, and Yvette Tillema.

### **Elmira [NYEL]**

42.13° N 76.83° W; 1 Jan 07; 45°-53° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 24 observers. Total party hours 67.5.

Canada Goose 2376; Am. Black Duck 5; Mallard 222; Co. Merganser 51; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 66; Great Blue Heron 1; **Bald Eagle 2**; No. Harrier 1; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 57; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Ring-billed Gull 221; Herring Gull 14; Rock Pigeon 1450; Mourning Dove 372; E. Screech-Owl 6; Great Horned Owl 5; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 12; Downy Woodpecker 49; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 205; Am. Crow 612; Fish Crow 5; Co. Raven 12; Black-capped Chickadee 342; Tufted Titmouse 66; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 57; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren **29**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird **44**; Am. Robin 2; No. Mockingbird 8; European Starling 1708; Cedar Waxwing 48; Am. Tree Sparrow 34; Song Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 27; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 211; No. Cardinal 86; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 152; Am. Goldfinch 101; House Sparrow 158.

**Total:** 53 species. **Participants:** Joe Barnes, Marty Borko, Marcia Christian, Dick Clements, Joan Clements, Mike Deming, Jim Emmick, Sharon Emmick, Jennifer Fais, Brett Hoffman, Hunter Hoffman, Marti Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Jeff Holbrook, Helen Knapp, Doris Long, Joe Long, Ed Looney, Sulis Looney, **Bill Ostrander (compiler)**, Joan Ostrander, Mike Powers, Vi Savard, Joan Scrocarelli, Noel Sylvester, Anne Thurber, Shirley Urbaniak.

### **Ferrisburg [VTFE]**

44.18° N 73.3° W; 16 Dec 06; 35°-48° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear; 38 observers. Total party hours 151.5.

**Greater White-fronted Goose 1**; Snow Goose 1790; Canada Goose 1023; **Wood Duck 1**; Gadwall 2; Am. Black Duck 21 LC; Mallard 93; Ring-necked Duck 6; Greater Scaup 10; White-winged Scoter **36**; Black Scoter 1; Bufflehead 53; Co. Goldeneye 780; Hooded Merganser 15; Co. Merganser 95; Red-breasted Merganser 12; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 18; Wild Turkey 31; Red-throated Loon 4; Co. Loon 21; Horned Grebe 54; Red-necked Grebe 6; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle 14; No. Harrier **27**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 5; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 48; Rough-legged Hawk 18; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot CW; Bonaparte's Gull 30; Ring-billed Gull 187; Herring Gull 24; Great Black-backed Gull 41; gull sp. 50; Rock Pigeon 717; Mourning Dove 579; E. Screech-Owl 10; Great Horned Owl **19**; **Snowy Owl 1**; Barred Owl 2; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 84; Hairy Woodpecker 32; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 24; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 289; Am. Crow 657; Co. Raven 27; Horned

Lark 45 LC; Black-capped Chickadee 923; Tufted Titmouse 108; Red-breasted Nuthatch 23; White-breasted Nuthatch 155; Brown Creeper 15; Carolina Wren 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet 30; E. Bluebird 24; Am. Robin 153; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 2095; Cedar Waxwing 353; Am. Tree Sparrow 369; Song Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 2; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 211; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal 144; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Purple Finch 32; House Finch 105; Co. Redpoll 1; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 583; House Sparrow 688.

**Total:** 79 species. **Participants:** Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews, Steve Antell, Greg Askew, Ric Beck, Lillian Birkett, Jessie Bradley, Barbara Brosnan, Debbie Bushy, Dwight Cargill, John Chamberlain, Glen Chapman, Malinda Chapman, Brendan Collins, Elizabeth Cooper, Amy Douglas, Margaret Dye, Ardys Fisher, Peter Galvani, Penny Goodkind, Carlie Krolich, David Krolick, Mora McClure, Rex Meader, Barb Oimette, Stan Oliva, Jim Osborn, Alan Pistorius, Dick Reid, Peg Rood, Chris Runcie, Harriet Szanto, Yvette Tillem, Mary Van Vleck, **Mike Winslow (compiler)**, Jay Wisner, Jeanne Wisner, Sarah Wisner.

### **Fort Plain [NYFP]**

42.93° N 74.6° W; 30 Dec 06; 20°-28° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 20 observers. Total party hours 71.5.

Canada Goose 3370; Am. Black Duck 44; Mallard 532; **'American' Green-winged Teal 1; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 2;** Co. Merganser 46; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 232; **Co. Loon 1;** Great Blue Heron 1; No. Harrier 60; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; No. Goshawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 76; Rough-legged Hawk 6; Am. Kestrel 21; **Merlin 1;** Ring-billed Gull 25; Herring Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 2084; Mourning Dove 546; E. Screech-Owl 12; Short-eared Owl 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 175; Am. Crow 490; Horned Lark 583; Black-capped Chickadee 271; Tufted Titmouse 18; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 53; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; E. Bluebird 15; European Starling 1509; Am. Tree Sparrow 377; Song Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 17; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 165; No. Cardinal 68; Brown-headed Cowbird 35; House Finch 84; Am. Goldfinch 169; House Sparrow 520.

**Total:** 52 species. **Participants:** Ann Adams, Andy Beugnet, Cindy Campbell, Richard Carter, Germaine Connolly, **Bob Donnelly (compiler)**, Martha Frey, Lisa Gorn, Becky Gretton, Marion Karl, Doug Kibbe, Craig Nunn, Gordon Nunn, Bill Ralston, Stephanie Restuccia, Chip Reynolds, Larry Rowland, Joann Salo, Tom Salo, Richard Timmerman.

### **Geneva [NYGE]**

42.87° N 76.98° W; 17 Dec 06; 42°-56° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 24 observers. Total party hours 87.

Snow Goose 3973; Canada Goose 25937; **Mute Swan 1; Wood Duck 2;** Am. Black Duck 72; Mallard 1713; No. Pintail 15; Redhead 8; Ring-necked Duck 3; Greater Scaup 50; Lesser Scaup CW; Bufflehead 65; Co. Goldeneye 204; Hooded Merganser 3; Co. Merganser 92; Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse CW; Wild Turkey 103; Co. Loon 1; Horned Grebe 5; No. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 46; Am. Kestrel 2; Am. Coot 38; Ring-billed Gull 2275; Herring Gull 89; Great Black-backed Gull 26; Rock Pigeon 668; Mourning Dove 309; E. Screech-Owl 6; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; Yellow-bellied

Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 71; Hairy Woodpecker 12; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 18; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 175; Am. Crow **14984**; **Co. Raven 1**; Horned Lark 23; Black-capped Chickadee 229; Tufted Titmouse 24; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 44; Brown Creeper CW; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; E. Bluebird 38; Am. Robin 97; No. Mockingbird **12**; European Starling 4131; Cedar Waxwing 10; Am. Tree Sparrow 113; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 41; Snow Bunting 125; No. Cardinal 93; Red-winged Blackbird 562; Rusty Blackbird CW; Co. Grackle 5; Brown-headed Cowbird **221**; House Finch 85; Am. Goldfinch 62; House Sparrow 418.

**Total:** 70 species. **Participants:** Linda Benedict, Steve Benedict, Fred Bertram, Jim Blankenberg, John Fox, Charles Gibson, Bob Guthrie, Julie Horton, Lyn Jacobs, Leona Lauster, Gene Parsons, Brian Perkins, Dolores Perkins, Charlie Rouse, Lisa Rouse, Carol Slattery, Joseph Slattery, Dave Spier, Wes Utter. **Compiler:** Lisa Kimel.

### **Greenwich-Stamford [CTGS]**

41.08° N 73.62° W; 17 Dec 06; 32°-57° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 85 observers. Total party hours 248.25.

Snow Goose **41**; 'Atlantic' Brant 235; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose 2909; Mute Swan 74; Wood Duck 12; Gadwall 61; **Eurasian Wigeon 2**; Am. Wigeon 47; Am. Black Duck 558; Mallard 1119; 'American' Green-winged Teal 11; Ring-necked Duck 105; Greater Scaup 22; Lesser Scaup 12; White-winged Scoter 2; Black Scoter 1; Long-tailed Duck 184; Bufflehead 486; Co. Goldeneye 103; Hooded Merganser **389**; Co. Merganser 179; Red-breasted Merganser 219; Ruddy Duck 40; Wild Turkey 95; Red-throated Loon 33; Co. Loon 20; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Horned Grebe 6 LC; No. Gannet **3**; Double-crested Cormorant 9; Great Cormorant 53; Great Blue Heron **62**; Black Vulture **17**; Turkey Vulture 94; Bald Eagle 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 11; Cooper's Hawk 15; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 101; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 16; Black-bellied Plover 10; Killdeer 29; **Am. Oystercatcher 1**; Ruddy Turnstone 18; Purple Sandpiper 6; Dunlin 11; Am. Woodcock 1; Bonaparte's Gull 25; Ring-billed Gull 1211; Herring Gull 1124; Great Black-backed Gull 117; **Razorbill 1**; Rock Pigeon 776; Mourning Dove 1023; Monk Parakeet **199**; E. Screech-Owl 55; Great Horned Owl 28; Barred Owl 4; Long-eared Owl 1; No. Saw-whet Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 37; Red-bellied Woodpecker 209; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 8; Downy Woodpecker 254; Hairy Woodpecker 65; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 39; Pileated Woodpecker 11; **Ash-throated Flycatcher 1**; **Blue-headed Vireo 1**; Blue Jay 672; Am. Crow 787; Fish Crow 17; Black-capped Chickadee 598; Tufted Titmouse 660; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 306; Brown Creeper 13; Carolina Wren **208**; Winter Wren **29**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 23; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 123; Hermit Thrush 21; Am. Robin 827; Gray Catbird 8; No. Mockingbird 80; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 3243; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing 78; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 18; **Pine Warbler 1**; **Wilson's Warbler 1**; E. Towhee 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 29; Field Sparrow 4 LC; Fox Sparrow 12; Song Sparrow 370; Swamp Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow 984; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1398; No. Cardinal 362; Red-winged Blackbird 18; Rusty Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 79; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 360; Am. Goldfinch 434; House Sparrow 1629.

**Total:** 113 species. **Participants:** Michael Aurelia, Pat Bailey, Tom Baptist, Valentina Baptist, Trudy Battaly, Joan Becker, Richard Becker, Joe Belanger, Ioa Byrne, Al Collins, Annette Cunniffe, Patrick Dugan, Cynthia Ehlinger, Debbie Ethridge, James Flynn, Kathy Gellman, Ted Gilman, Jacob Graff, Frank Guida, John Hannan, Edward

Henrey, Elsbeth Johnson, Ryan Maclean, Shaun Martin, Stefan Martin, Tim Moses, Jane Palmer, Drew Panko, Matt Popp, Stephen Ricker, Polly Rothstein, David Salmon, Meredith Sampson, Jonna Schaffer, Anne Semmes, Alice Smith, Bruce Smith, Andy Towle, Richard Trepp, William Van Loan, Jim Voros, Mike Warner, Adam Zorn. **Co-compilers: Brian O'Toole & Gary Palmer.**

### **Hamburg-East Aurora [NYHE]**

42.72° N 78.75° W; 30 Dec 06; 32°-35° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 38 observers. Total party hours 128.5.

**Snow Goose 1**; Canada Goose 1468; **Wood Duck 2**; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 326; No. Pintail 1; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye 80; Red-breasted Merganser 60; merganser sp. 22; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 46; **Horned Grebe 1**; Great Blue Heron 2; **Turkey Vulture 1**; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 12; Red-tailed Hawk 53; *Buteo* sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 5; Bonaparte's Gull 180; Ring-billed Gull 1479; Herring Gull 40; Great Black-backed Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 860; Mourning Dove 568; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **60**; Downy Woodpecker **199**; Hairy Woodpecker 54; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 10; Blue Jay 585; Am. Crow 1029; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 919; Tufted Titmouse 93; Red-breasted Nuthatch 42; White-breasted Nuthatch 93; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; E. Bluebird 60; Am. Robin 35; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 2832; Cedar Waxwing 179; Am. Tree Sparrow 99; Song Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 25; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 374; No. Cardinal 221; Co. Grackle 6; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 260; Am. Goldfinch 334; House Sparrow 830.

**Total:** 57 species. **Participants:** Dr. Robert Andrie, Christopher Betrus, Olive Burch, William Burch, Barbara Byron, Richard Byron, Tom Connare, Lewis Crowell, Donna DeLeon, Dr. Robert DeLeon, Michael Galas, Wayne Gall, Tim Goff, Mike Hamilton, Doug Happ, Morgan Jones, Jr., Richard Kajtoch, Brendan Klick, Gina Klick, Jim Landau, Karen Landau, Lynne Landon, Paul Lazarus, Paul Lazarus, Jr., Brian Lewandowski, Emily Lewandowski, Mike Morgante, Susan O'Donnell, **Thomas O'Donnell (co-compiler)**, Edward Ratajczak, Gerry Rising, Brad Schwing, Sally Uzunov, Nancy Vignykan, Paul Vignykan, **Mike Zebchazy (co-compiler)**, Paul Ziebarth, Virginia Ziebarth.

### **Hudson Falls [NYHF]**

43.28° N 73.62° W; 17 Dec 06; 35°-45° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 16 observers. Total party hours 41.

Canada Goose 3565; Am. Black Duck 14; Mallard 404; Co. Goldeneye 69; Hooded Merganser 7; Co. Merganser 7; Wild Turkey 56; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle CW; No. Harrier 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 47; Rough-legged Hawk 6; Am. Kestrel 4; Ring-billed Gull 67; Herring Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 595; Mourning Dove 340; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker **51**; Hairy Woodpecker 2; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 150; Am. Crow **1364**; Co. Raven 3; Black-capped Chickadee 308; Tufted Titmouse **95**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch **74**; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird **44**; Am. Robin 2; **Gray Catbird 1**; No. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 3180; Cedar Waxwing 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 116; Song Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 252; No. Cardinal 53; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 109; Am. Goldfinch 90; House Sparrow 360.



**Total:** 52 species. **Participants:** Mona Bearor, Andrea Bello, Beth Bidwell, Brad Bidwell, Russ Hilliard, Linda Hoyt, Gerry Lemmo, Lynn Lemmo, Joyce Miller, Don Polunci, Nan Polunci, Barbara Putnam, Joan Robertson, Jacque Tinker, Virginia Vogel, **Linda White (compiler).**

### **Ithaca [NYIT]**

42.45° N 76.45° W; 1 Jan 07; 37°-50° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 102 observers. Total party hours 255.

Snow Goose **250**; **Cackling 4**; Canada Goose 8551; Gadwall CW; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 19; Mallard 729; No. Pintail 1; **'American' Green-winged Teal 1**; Canvasback CW; Redhead CW; Ring-necked Duck CW; Lesser Scaup CW; Long-tailed Duck CW; Bufflehead 2; Co. Goldeneye 17; Hooded Merganser 5; Co. Merganser 87; Red-breasted Merganser CW; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 21; Wild Turkey 146; **Red-throated Loon 1**; Co. Loon 4; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Double-crested Cormorant CW; Great Blue Heron 13; **Turkey Vulture 16**; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 15; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 161; Rough-legged Hawk 5; **Golden Eagle 1**; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 499; **Bonaparte's Gull 1**; Ring-billed Gull 1023; Herring Gull 90; Great Black-backed Gull 18; Rock Pigeon 1265; Mourning Dove 691; E. Screech-Owl **41**; Great Horned Owl 8; Barred Owl 5; Short-eared Owl 2; **No. Saw-whet Owl 2**; Belted Kingfisher 8; **Red-headed Woodpecker 1**; Red-bellied Woodpecker 156; Downy Woodpecker 492; Hairy Woodpecker 138; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 39; Pileated Woodpecker **44**; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 996; Am. Crow 2686; Fish Crow 18; Co. Raven 12; Horned Lark CW; Black-capped Chickadee **3976**; Tufted Titmouse **478**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 77; White-breasted Nuthatch 500; Brown Creeper 29; Carolina Wren 38; Winter Wren **3**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 27; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird **162**; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 255; No. Mockingbird 30; European Starling 5673; Cedar Waxwing 927; **Yellow Warbler 1**; **'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1**; **E. Towhee 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 462; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 89; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow 112; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 866; Snow Bunting 2; No. Cardinal **620**; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 612; Am. Goldfinch 468; House Sparrow 1119.

**Total:** 85 species. **Participants:** Deirdre Anderson, Bill Baker, Braam Bezuidenhout, Gladys Birdsall, Andy Boehm, Jack Booker, Dale Bryner, Dick Burlew, Peg Burlew, Oliver Cashman-Brown, Mark Chao, Russ Charif, John Confer, Karen Confer, Ryan Douglas, Karen Edelstein, Harry Ellsworth, Nellie Farnhum, Steve Fast, Marcie Finley, P.J. Finley, Annette Finney, Martha Fischer, John Fitzpatrick, Jeff Gerbracht, David Gooding, Sunny Gooding, John Greenly, Martin Hatch, Susie Hatch, Rebecca Heiss, Susan Henderson, Wesley Hochachka, Asher Hockett, Jim Houghton, Larry Hymes, Sara Jane Hymes, Judy Jones, Steve Kelling, Graham Kerslick, Gary Kohlenberg, Steve Kress, Jim Lowe, James Marco, Kara Marco, Linda Marco, Rich Marisa, Tracy, arisa, Bill McAneny, Shirley McAneny, Elaina McCartney, Jay McGowan, **Kevin McGowan (compiler)**, Perri McGowan, Bob McGuire, Nari Mistry, Ann Mitchell, David Nutter, Jess Orkin, Linda Orkin, Bill Podulka, Sandy Podulka, Bard Prentiss, Gina Prentiss, Marie Read, Ben Richards, Colleen Richards, Dave Ritchie, Ken Rosenberg, Ton Schat, Jean Scheibe, Marty Schlabach, Carol Schmitt, Ron Schmitt, Mickey Sclingo, Donna Scott, Jean Simmons, Carol Sisler, Dee-dee Slade, Paul Slade, Nick Sly, Jodi Starling, Laura Stenzler, Sally Sutcliffe, Scott Sutcliffe, Connie Thomas, Andrea Townsend, Cindy Twardokus, Mary Jean Welser, Joe Wetmore, Christopher Wood, Margo Yntema.

### **Jamestown [NYJA]**

42.1° N 79.22° W; 17 Dec 06; 41°-59° F; AM partly clear, light rain; PM partly cloudy, light rain; 26 observers. Total party hours 51.

Canada Goose 1375; Tundra Swan 238; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 2; Am. Wigeon 2; Am. Black Duck 11; Mallard 632; No. Shoveler 40; No. Pintail 18; Canvasback 50; Redhead **458**; Ring-necked Duck 48; Greater Scaup 81; Lesser Scaup 241; Bufflehead 55; Co. Goldeneye **618**; Hooded Merganser 584; Co. Merganser 1002; Ruddy Duck 105; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 5; Co. Loon CW; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Horned Grebe 2; Great Blue Heron 13; Turkey Vulture 1; Bald Eagle 7; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 42; Rough-legged Hawk 4; hawk sp.; Am. Kestrel 12; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 482; Killdeer 3; Bonaparte's Gull 4; Ring-billed Gull 2126; Herring Gull 50; Great Black-backed Gull CW; Rock Pigeon 527; Mourning Dove 289; E. Screech-Owl **13**; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 3; Short-eared Owl 1; No Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 247; Am. Crow 1996; **Co. Raven 1**; Black-capped Chickadee 433; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 58; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 17; E. Bluebird 12; Am. Robin 11; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 1333; Cedar Waxwing 54; Am. Tree Sparrow 59; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 1 LC; White-throated Sparrow 7; White-crowned Sparrow CW; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 146; No. Cardinal 48; Red-winged Blackbird 8; Co. Grackle 1; Purple Finch 12; House Finch 61 LC; Am. Goldfinch 51; House Sparrow 462.

**Total:** 80 species. **Participants:** Dennis Anderson, Ann Beebe (co-compiler), James Berry, Seth Berry, Leonard DeFrancisco, Joe Fairbank, Donald Greenhouse, Todd Gustafson, Julie Heilman, Margaret Jewett, Lewis F. Kibler, Ranjit Laha, Frances Lapinski, Ruth Lundin, Steven Maggio, Sally Martinez, Linda O'Brien, Robert Petrolina, Jean Pigman, Bruce J. Robinson, William Seleen, Thomas Simmons, Scott Stoleson, **Robert Sundell (co-compiler)**, Robert Ungerer, Donald Watts, Anne Wieland.

### **Johnstown-Gloversville [NYJG]**

43.1° N 74.38° W; 23 Dec 06; 32°-47° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM partly clear, light rain; 15 observers. Total party hours 52.25.

Canada Goose 269; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 102; No. Pintail **3**; **Lesser Scaup 1**; **Co. Goldeneye 8**; **Hooded Merganser 6**; Co. Merganser 18; Ruffed Grouse 4; Wild Turkey **92**; Great Blue Heron 1; No. Harrier 3; Cooper's Hawk CW; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 18; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 3; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Ring-billed Gull **559**; Herring Gull 99; Great Black-backed Gull 52; gull sp. 3; Rock Pigeon 246; Mourning Dove 325; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 41; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 176; Am. Crow 376; Co. Raven 6; Horned Lark 47; Black-capped Chickadee **938**; Tufted Titmouse 38; Red-breasted Nuthatch 41; White-breasted Nuthatch **87**; Brown Creeper 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 11; E. Bluebird 9; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 14; European Starling 917; Cedar Waxwing 39; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 221; Snow Bunting 75; No. Cardinal 39; Purple Finch 23; House Finch 64; White-winged Crossbill 1; Am. Goldfinch 168; House Sparrow 133.

**Total:** 56 species. **Participants:** Lena Andersson, Laurie Freeman, Marianne Friers, Jane Graves, Joan Hansen, Sally Jorgensen, Sandy Lane, Matt Montgomery, Tom

Palmer, Larry Rowland, Liz Russo, Paul Russo, Carol Stack, Alison Van Keuren.  
**Compiler: Pamela Hunt.**

### **Letchworth-Silver Lake [NYLS]**

42.75° N 78.0° W; 16 Dec 06; 35°-48° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 22 observers. Total party hours 94.

**Greater White-fronted Goose 6; Cackling Goose 1; Canada Goose 21798; Tundra Swan 52; Gadwall 7; Am. Wigeon 3; Am. Black Duck 215; Mallard 1172; Canvasback 12; Redhead 2; Lesser Scaup 12; Long-tailed Duck 2; Bufflehead 120; Co. Goldeneye 59; Hooded Merganser 36; Co. Merganser 52; Red-breasted Merganser 18; Ruddy Duck 79; Greater White-fronted Goose x Canada Goose hybrid 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 1; Pied-billed Grebe 14; Horned Grebe 4; Red-necked Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant 2; Great Blue Heron 2; Turkey Vulture CW; Bald Eagle 5; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 52; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 7; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 177; Ring-billed Gull 816; Herring Gull 104; Rock Pigeon 728; Mourning Dove 201; E. Screech-Owl 14; Great Horned Owl 4; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 40; Downy Woodpecker 70; Hairy Woodpecker 21; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 27; Pileated Woodpecker 14; Blue Jay 146; Am. Crow 602; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 15; Black-capped Chickadee 272; Tufted Titmouse 43; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 77; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 22; E. Bluebird 12; Am. Robin 20; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 14; European Starling 5284; Cedar Waxwing 26; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 5; Am. Tree Sparrow 249; Field Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 16; Swamp Sparrow 14; White-throated Sparrow 25; White-crowned Sparrow 13; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 136; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 602; No. Cardinal 109; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 27; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 102; Am. Goldfinch 106; House Sparrow 451.**

**Total: 83 species. Participants:** Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, **Douglas Bassett (compiler)**, Kristy Blakley, Ed Christner, Kurt Fox, Mike Hujek, Jim Kimball, Carl Kunze, Hans Kunze, Jerry Lazarczyk, Mary Livingston, Pat Martin, Bill O'Neil, Thomas Pedlow, Kathleen Raines, Chuck Sleigh, Steph Spittle, Irene Szabo, Don Traver, Donna Traver, Martha Zettel.

### **Lower Hudson [NJLH]**

40.77° N 73.65° W; 17 Dec 06; 45°-55° F; AM prtly cloudy; PM clear; 98 observers. Total party hours 108.5.

Snow Goose 2; 'Atlantic' Brant 979; Canada Goose 1362; Mute Swan 8; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 133; Am. Wigeon 3; Am. Black Duck 110; Mallard 807; No. Shoveler 141; No. Pintail 237; 'American' Green-winged Teal 599; Canvasback 108; Greater Scaup 56; Lesser Scaup 2; Bufflehead 125; Co. Goldeneye 4; Hooded Merganser 48; Co. Merganser 80; Red-breasted Merganser 33; Ruddy Duck 516; Wild Turkey 5; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 3; Double-crested Cormorant 120; Great Blue Heron 19; Black-crowned Night-Heron 56; Turkey Vulture CW; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 46; Am. Kestrel 11; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 5; Am. Coot 22; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Am. Woodcock 1; Laughing Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 3772; Herring Gull 1022; Great Black-backed Gull 218; Rock Pigeon 3407; Mourning Dove 452; Belted Kingfisher 6; **Red-headed Woodpecker 1;** Red-bellied Woodpecker 91; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9; Downy Woodpecker 83; Hairy Woodpecker 8; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 28; Blue Jay 354; Am. Crow 252; Fish

Crow 6; Horned Lark 15; Black-capped Chickadee 18; Tufted Titmouse 161; White-breasted Nuthatch 60; Carolina Wren 21; Winter Wren 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; Hermit Thrush 16; Am. Robin 360; Gray Catbird 2; No. Mockingbird 61; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 6544; Cedar Waxwing 67; **Cape May Warbler** CW; Palm Warbler 1; **Ovenbird** 1; E. Towhee 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 92; Chipping Sparrow CW; Field Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 18; Song Sparrow 186; Swamp Sparrow 16; White-throated Sparrow 1062; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 89; No. Cardinal 132; Red-winged Blackbird 143; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 1764; Brown-headed Cowbird 26; **Baltimore Oriole** 1; House Finch 326; Am. Goldfinch 74; House Sparrow 2027.

**Total:** 87 species. **Participants:** Bruno Aurelie, Catherine Barron, Annie Barry, Peter Belamarich, MD, Kevin Blum, Michael Britt, David Burg, Clemence Chauveau, Robert Cherofsky, Alejandra Cosio-Triguís, John Criscitiello, John Day, Alice Deutsch, Joseph DiCostanzo, Larry Douglas, Alan Drogin, Margot Ernst, Sarah Fabian, Karen Fung, Julie Gamberoni, **Yigal Gelb (co-compiler)**, Alex Falcon Gershon, Andrew Gershon, **Dick Gershon (co-compiler)**, Edith Goram, Adele Gotlib, Jessica Green, Carolyn Hahn, Betty Hamilton, Dawn Hannay, Henry Hass, Tony Hass, Tama Hazak, Arlene Hedlund, Paul Higgins, Pat Hilliard, Rebecca Houseman, Joyce Hyon, Nicole Jackson, Laura Jacobs, Jerry Kamlet, Elisabeth Karp, Katherine Keenan, Brad Klein, Vincent Koczurik, David Krauss, Carmen Lambarri, Anne Lazarus, Gretta Lee, Eve Levine, Richard Lieberman, Chris Lyons, Eileen Mahler, Glenn Mahler, David Marshall, Sandra Maury, Chuck McAlexander, Brian McPhillips, Helen Mencher, Melvin Mencher, Alan Messer, Judy Metzner, Malcolm Morris, Kim-Nora Moses, C Nadine, Bernard Nathan, Geoffrey Nulle, Suzanne Ortiz, Joel Papowitz, Alexandra Pianka, Charlotte Prager, Ted Proctor, David Rosane, Lewis Rosenberg, Michael Rusigno, Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, Susan Schulz, Steve Seegmiller, Pete Shen, Janet Smith, Junko Suzuki, Lenore Swenson, Chris Takacs, Eleanor Tauber, John Train, Robin Villa, John Walsh, Nancy Ward, Daniel Weaver, Sally Weiner, Marie Winn, John Wittenberg, James Wolcott, Chris Woods, Rochelle Yates, Jean-Philippe Yuillamme, Larry Zahler, Scott Zevon.

### **Massena-Cornwall [NYMC]**

44.97° N 74.9° W; 23 Dec 06; 32°-45° F; AM foggy, light rain; PM cloudy; 16 observers. Total party hours 53.

Snow Goose 2 blue morph; **Cackling Goose** 2; Canada Goose **14320**; Gadwall 7; Am. Wigeon 9; Am. Black Duck 85; Mallard 1407; No. Pintail 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 2; **Canvasback** 1; Redhead 5; Ring-necked Duck 11; Greater Scaup 13; Lesser Scaup 4; Bufflehead 10; Co. Goldeneye 429; Hooded Merganser 63; Co. Merganser 555; Red-breasted Merganser 21; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 128; Co. Loon 21; Red-necked Grebe 3; Double-crested Cormorant 5; Great Blue Heron 4; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 39; Herring Gull 1041; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 380; Rock Pigeon 467; Mourning Dove 218; Great Horned Owl 1; Downy Woodpecker 37; Hairy Woodpecker 28; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Northern Shrike 2; Blue Jay 137; Am. Crow 1308; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 419; Tufted Titmouse 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 61; Brown Creeper 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Am. Robin 16; European Starling 428; Cedar Waxwing 20; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 178; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 28; Snow Bunting 39; No. Cardinal 35; Brown-headed Cowbird 40; House Finch 18; Am. Goldfinch 97; House Sparrow 132.

**Total:** 63 species. **Participants:** not listed. **Compiler:** Bruce DiLabio.

### **Mohonk Lake-Ashokan Reservoir [NYML]**

41.85° N 74.13° W; 16 Dec 06; 46°-52° F; AM clear; PM clear; 25 observers. Total party hours 67.

Canada Goose 2273; Mute Swan 9; Am. Black Duck 23; Mallard 474; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 39; Co. Merganser 55; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 32; Horned Grebe 5; Great Blue Heron 5; Black Vulture 41; Turkey Vulture 108; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 55; Am. Kestrel 3; **Wilson's Snipe 1**; Ring-billed Gull 640; Herring Gull 80; gull sp. 18; Rock Pigeon 118; Mourning Dove 250; E. Screech-Owl 6; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 37; Downy Woodpecker 82; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 5; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Blue Jay 266; Am. Crow 897; Co. Raven 16; Horned Lark 20; Black-capped Chickadee 448; Tufted Titmouse 331; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 158; Carolina Wren 47; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 145; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 9; No. Mockingbird 32; European Starling 859; Cedar Waxwing 35; Am. Tree Sparrow 139; Chipping Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 46; Swamp Sparrow 46; White-throated Sparrow 118; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 514; No. Cardinal 147; Red-winged Blackbird 9; Co. Grackle 6; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 95; Am. Goldfinch 158; House Sparrow 552.

**Total:** 64 species. **Participants:** Jackie Bogardus, Al Bowdery, Lynn Bowdery, **Steve Chorvas (compiler)**, Bea Conover, Mark DeDea, Jaime Deppen, Kelly Downs, Ruth Elwell, Lin Fagan, Jordan Maendel, Jim Marks, Maeve Maurer, Jeff Nerp, Kathy Nerp, Kerry Nerp, Glenn Nystrup, Bob Rifenburg, Evelyn Rifenburg, Thomas Sarro, Peter Schoenberger, Shanan Smiley, Selden Spencer, Steve Stanne, John Thompson, Glen Van Gorden, Carol Weber.

### **Montauk [NYMK]**

41.05° N 72.0° W; 16 Dec 06; 42°-54° F; AM clear; PM clear; 52 observers. Total party hours 180.

**Greater White-fronted Goose CW**; Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 18; Canada Goose 1052; Mute Swan 41; Gadwall 52; Am. Wigeon 192; Am. Black Duck 525; Mallard 233; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 2; Canvasback 75; Redhead CW; Ring-necked Duck 60; Greater Scaup 502; Lesser Scaup 40; King Eider 1; Co. Eider 3537; Surf Scoter 731; White-winged Scoter 9512; Black Scoter 97; scoter sp. 62; Long-tailed Duck 379; Bufflehead 213; Co. Goldeneye 301; Hooded Merganser 50; Co. Merganser 2; Red-breasted Merganser 653; Ruddy Duck 205; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 44; Red-throated Loon 586; Co. Loon 608; Pied-billed Grebe 7; Horned Grebe 64; Red-necked Grebe 2; No. Gannet 1640; Double-crested Cormorant 39; Great Cormorant 16; Great Blue Heron 22; Great Egret 6; Black-crowned Night-Heron 4; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 15; Cooper's Hawk 6; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 42; Rough-legged Hawk 4; **Golden Eagle 1**; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 4; Peregrine Falcon 4; Virginia Rail 7; Am. Coot 37; Black-bellied Plover 12; Killdeer 14; Greater Yellowlegs 2; Ruddy Turnstone 21; Sanderling 230; Purple Sandpiper 34; Dunlin 22; Wilson's Snipe 2; Am. Woodcock 14; Laughing Gull 1; **Black-headed Gull 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 76; Ring-billed Gull 465; Herring Gull 2440; Great Black-backed Gull 809; Black-legged Kittiwake 6; Razorbill 47; Rock Pigeon 143; Mourning Dove 403; E. Screech-Owl 13; Great Horned Owl 9; Snowy Owl 1; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Belted

Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 38; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 64; Hairy Woodpecker 5; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 60; E. Phoebe 2; **Tyrannus sp. 1**; Blue Jay 208; Am. Crow 502; Horned Lark 17; Black-capped Chickadee 439; Tufted Titmouse 111; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 39; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 173; Winter Wren **32**; Marsh Wren **15**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 31; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 4; Hermit Thrush 48; Am. Robin 297; Gray Catbird 21; No. Mockingbird 92; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 1947; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing 14; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 116; Palm Warbler 6; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 32; Am. Tree Sparrow 25; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 31; Savannah Sparrow 25; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 6; Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow 2; sharp-tailed sparrow sp. 2; Fox Sparrow 17; Song Sparrow 381; Swamp Sparrow 27; White-throated Sparrow 724; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 92; Lapland Longspur 4; Snow Bunting 201; No. Cardinal 184; Red-winged Blackbird 373; E. Meadowlark 16; Rusty Blackbird 2; Co. Grackle 8; Brown-headed Cowbird 502; Purple Finch CW; House Finch 307; Am. Goldfinch 108; House Sparrow 391.

**Total:** 130 species. **Participants:** Ryan Anderson, **Jim Ash (co-compiler)**, Gerry & Willy Becker, Gail Benson, Bobby & Janice Berlinger, Shawn Billerman, Barbara Blaisdell, John Brush, Thomas Burke, Vicki Bustamante, Theodore Chase, Terry Clarke, Steve D'Amato, Andrew Farnsworth, John & Gerta Fritz, Doug Futuyama, Chris Gangemi, Anthony Graves, Andrew Guthrie, Paul Hagen, Kenneth Homan, Brian Kane, Rich Kelly, Bob Kurtz, Mary Laura & Eric Lamont, Linda Lee, Patricia Lindsay, **Hugh McGuinness (co-compiler)**, Bryan Pfeiffer, Peter Polshek, Richard Prum, Chris Roberts, Pauline Rosen, Barbara Rubinstein, Karen Rubinstein, Bob Shriber, Peter Stoutenburgh, Diana Teta, John Todaro, Miles Todaro, Michael Troyan, Guy Tudor, Angus Wilson, Marguerite Wolffsohn.

### **Montezuma [NYMZ]**

43.0° N 76.73° W; 31 Dec 06; 31°-41° F; AM partly cloudy; PM clear; 28 observers. Total party hours 100.25.

Snow Goose **125098**; **Ross's Goose 1**; **Cackling Goose 5**; Canada Goose 43357; Mute Swan 2; **Trumpeter Swan 35**; Tundra Swan 468; Gadwall 70; Am. Wigeon 20; Am. Black Duck 406; Mallard 2777; **Blue-winged Teal 1**; No. Shoveler 5; No. Pintail 23; 'American' Green-winged Teal 1; Canvasback **600**; Redhead 1003; Ring-necked Duck **201**; Greater Scaup 206; Lesser Scaup 3; Bufflehead 5; Co. Goldeneye **326**; Hooded Merganser **61**; Co. Merganser 327; Red-breasted Merganser 50; **Ruddy Duck 125**; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 36; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 1; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Great Blue Heron 28; Bald Eagle **20**; No. Harrier 16; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk **10**; Red-tailed Hawk 96; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Am. Coot 38; **Sandhill Crane 9**; **Bonaparte's Gull 2**; Ring-billed Gull 865; Herring Gull 654; Great Black-backed Gull 26; Rock Pigeon 623; Mourning Dove 458; E. Screech-Owl **18**; Great Horned Owl 8; Barred Owl 2; **No. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher **11**; Red-bellied Woodpecker 39; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 97; Hairy Woodpecker 18; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 31; Pileated Woodpecker 12; Blue Jay 236; Am. Crow 1175; Horned Lark 27; Black-capped Chickadee 456; Tufted Titmouse **69**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 129; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 4; Winter Wren 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 26; E. Bluebird **73**; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 286; **Gray Catbird 1**; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 5382; Cedar Waxwing 37; Am. Tree Sparrow 465; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 21; Swamp Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 23; 'Slate-colored' Dark-

eyed Junco 75; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal 146; Red-winged Blackbird 6; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 191; Am. Goldfinch 189; House Sparrow 720.

**Total:** 91 species. **Participants:** Jim Eckler, Jane Graves, Frank Moses, Dave Nutter, Mary Dreiling, Chuck Gibson, William Gillette, Bob Guthrie, Asher Hockett (compiler), Martin Mau, Robert Spahn.

### Monticello [NYMT]

41.57° N 74.63° W; 27 Dec 06; 27°-40° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear; 16 observers. Total party hours 45.5.

Canada Goose 391; Am. Black Duck 115; Mallard 314; 'American' Green-winged Teal 7; Lesser Scaup CW; Long-tailed Duck CW; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye CW; Hooded Merganser 5; Co. Merganser 274; Ruddy Duck 13; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 30; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 9; Ring-billed Gull 365; Herring Gull 1010; **Iceland Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 24; Rock Pigeon 286; Mourning Dove 175; E. Screech-Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 5; Downy Woodpecker 45; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 61; Am. Crow 395; Co. Raven 10; Black-capped Chickadee 621; Tufted Titmouse 130; Red-breasted Nuthatch 11; White-breasted Nuthatch 101; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 13; Golden-crowned Kinglet 9; E. Bluebird 23; Am. Robin 5; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 1341; Cedar Waxwing 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 91; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 13; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 22; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 254; No. Cardinal 49; Brown-headed Cowbird 113; House Finch 36; Pine Siskin CW; Am. Goldfinch 61; House Sparrow 105.

**Total:** 57 species. **Participants:** Scott Baldinger, Arlene Borko, Mary Collier, Renee Davis, Patrick Dechon, Kathleen Fort, Valerie Freer, Margaret Gorton, John Haas, Dick Hirshman, Phyllis Jones, Ruth McKoen, Deanna Mendels, **Daniel Niven (compiler)**, Kathy Scullion, Ruth Shursky, Lance Verdame.

### New Woodstock-Southern Highlands [NYNW]

42.85° N 75.82° W; 17 Dec 06; 22°-36° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 10 observers. Total party hours 57.

Snow Goose 6; 'Atlantic' Brant 12; Cackling Goose 2; Canada Goose 2064; **Wood Duck 2**; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 431; Ring-necked Duck 42; **Lesser Scaup CW**; Bufflehead 90; Co. Goldeneye 189; Hooded Merganser 66; Co. Merganser 287; **Red-breasted Merganser 8**; **Ruddy Duck CW**; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 6; Wild Turkey 53; **Red-throated Loon CW**; **Turkey Vulture CW**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; No. Goshawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 145; Herring Gull 24; Rock Pigeon 449; Mourning Dove 67; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 5; Downy Woodpecker 40; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 176; Am. Crow 891; Co. Raven 30; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 883; Tufted Titmouse 35; Red-breasted Nuthatch 45; White-breasted Nuthatch 42; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 6; Am. Robin 61; **Gray Catbird 1**; European Starling 2168; Cedar Waxwing 5; Am. Tree Sparrow 34; **Fox Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 9; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 135; Snow Bunting 9; No.

Cardinal 28; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 14; House Finch 37; **Red Crossbill** 5; Am. Goldfinch 50; Evening Grosbeak 6; House Sparrow 284.

**Total:** 66 species. **Participants:** Ryan Douglas, Mary Dreiling, Natalia Garcia, Asher Hockett, Bob McGuire, Judy Read, Jean Ryan, Linda Sherman, Kris Terillion, **Matthew Young (compiler).**

### **Northern Nassau County [NYNN]**

40.87° N 73.6° W; 23 Dec 06; 58°-60° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy; 54 observers. Total party hours 125.

Snow Goose 6; 'Atlantic' Brant 202; Canada Goose 4808; Mute Swan 115; Gadwall 188; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 44; Am. Black Duck 957; Mallard 1151; No. Shoveler 18; No. Pintail 12; 'American' Green-winged Teal 24; Canvasback 93; Redhead 1; Ring-necked Duck 34; Greater Scaup 4452; Lesser Scaup 7; White-winged Scoter 14; Long-tailed Duck **1344**; Bufflehead 534; Co. Goldeneye 189; **Barrow's Goldeneye CW**; Hooded Merganser 111; Co. Merganser 21; Red-breasted Merganser 162; Ruddy Duck 228; Red-throated Loon 6; Co. Loon 19; Horned Grebe 31; Double-crested Cormorant 32; Great Blue Heron 30; Great Egret 1; **Snowy Egret 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 43; Peregrine Falcon 2; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 2; Black-bellied Plover 9; Killdeer 20; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Sanderling 51; Purple Sandpiper 1; Dunlin 9; Am. Woodcock 1; Bonaparte's Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 1356; Herring Gull 930; Lesser Black-backed Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull 96; Rock Pigeon 399; Mourning Dove 450; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 9; Belted Kingfisher 22; Red-bellied Woodpecker 91; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4; Downy Woodpecker 95; Hairy Woodpecker 28; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 5; Blue Jay 220; Am. Crow 183; Fish Crow 2; Black-capped Chickadee 410; Tufted Titmouse 143; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 73; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 89; House Wren 3; Winter Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 13; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 10; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin 192; Gray Catbird 7; No. Mockingbird 75; European Starling 1077; Cedar Waxwing 44; **Townsend's Warbler 1**; **Co. Yellowthroat 2**; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 35; Savannah Sparrow 3; Fox Sparrow 7; Song Sparrow 176; Swamp Sparrow 16; White-throated Sparrow 766; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 349; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal 203; Red-winged Blackbird 31; Co. Grackle 1; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 217; Am. Goldfinch 104; House Sparrow 487.

**Total:** 98 species. **Participants:** Dave Allan, Brent Bomkamp, Brent E Bomkamp, Brent W Bomkamp, Betty Borowsky, Clifford Bove, Rachel Braver, Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, Blair Broughton, Ralph Cioffi, Courtney Clarkson, Henry Dam, Virginia Dankel, Catherine Fitts, Mary Beth Fitts, Richard Furman, Andrew Greller, Joe Grupp, Marilyn Hametz, Paul Jablon, Linda Kedenburg, Rick Kedenburg, Norman Klein, Joe Landesberg, Roy Leggitt, Allan Lindberg, Lois Lindberg, James Madden, Dan Mahoney, Ginger Mahoney, Peggy Maslow, Ralph Matragrano, Bob May, Helen McClure, Stella Miller, Herb Mills, Charlotte Miska, Wendy Murbach, Lindy Nielsen, Lynne Normandia, Mary Normandia, Paul Normandia, Jennifer Pines, Zu Proly, **Glenn Quinn (compiler)**, William Reeves, Mark Robinson, Vinnie Schiappa, John Taylor, Russel W Taylor, Aaron Virgin, Nancy Warny, Peter Warny.

### **Oak Orchard Swamp [NYOO]**

43.13° N 78.37° W; 27 Dec 06; 32°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 23 observers. Total party hours 86.

Snow Goose 1; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose **28000**; Tundra Swan 9; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 32; Am. Black Duck 79; Mallard 1464; No. Pintail 18; 'American'



Green-winged Teal 2; **Ring-necked Duck 11**; **Hooded Merganser 3**; Co. Merganser 5; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey CW; Great Blue Heron 10; Bald Eagle 7; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 9; Red-tailed Hawk 58; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 12; Am. Coot 7; Ring-billed Gull 62; Herring Gull 16; Rock Pigeon 283; Mourning Dove 723; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 28; Downy Woodpecker 83; Hairy Woodpecker 40; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 130; Am. Crow 424; Horned Lark 139; Black-capped Chickadee 352; Tufted Titmouse 13; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 68; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 25; Am. Robin 255; European Starling 2358; Cedar Waxwing 20; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 189; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 2 LC; White-throated Sparrow 14; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 143; Snow Bunting 60; No. Cardinal 146; House Finch 112; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch **350**; House Sparrow 565.

**Total:** 63 species. **Participants:** Doug Bassett, Douglas Beattie, Patty Bogan, Elaine Dart, Mike Galas, Jack Hartwig, Paul Hess, Jane Mason, Max Mason, Dr. Sue Mercer, Mahlon Miller, Nancy Miller, Celeste Morian, Tom O'Donnell, James Ochterski, Jim Pawlicki, Gail Price, Gerry Rising, Jim Rozanski, **Gail Seamans (compiler)**, Paula Stone, Mike Vickner, Elizabeth Well.

### **Oneida [NYOD]**

43.08° N 75.65° W; 1 Jan 07; 41°-57° F; AM cloudy; PM clear; 11 observers. Total party hours 35.

Snow Goose 51; Canada Goose **10619**; Am. Black Duck 55; Mallard 355; **Long-tailed Duck 1**; Co. Goldeneye 42; Co. Merganser 51; **Red-breasted Merganser 30**; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 50; Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 33; Rough-legged Hawk 1 LC; Am. Kestrel 5; Ring-billed Gull 1193; Herring Gull 514; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 287; Rock Pigeon 386; Mourning Dove 388; Great Horned Owl 3; Short-eared Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 5; Downy Woodpecker 35; Hairy Woodpecker 9; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker **8**; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Northern Shrike 3; Blue Jay 71; Am. Crow 545; Black-capped Chickadee 247; Tufted Titmouse 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 32; Brown Creeper 2; E. Bluebird 26; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 2308; Cedar Waxwing 13; Am. Tree Sparrow 46 LC; Song Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 14 LC; No. Cardinal 11; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; House Finch 86; Am. Goldfinch 50; House Sparrow 237.

**Total:** 51 species. **Participants:** Betty Armbruster, Dave Baldrini, **Brenda Best (compiler)**, Meg Faville, Jaimy George, Doug Linstruth, John Moore, Bill Purcell, John Rogers, Cheri Sassman, Sheila Smith, Sue Turnpenny.

### **Oneonta [NYOT]**

42.55° N 74.98° W; 16 Dec 06; 37°-38° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 28 observers. Total party hours 47.

Canada Goose 646; Am. Black Duck 8; Mallard 117; Hooded Merganser 7; Co. Merganser 81; Ruffed Grouse 4; Wild Turkey 30; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Bald Eagle 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 25; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 25; Rock Pigeon 684; Mourning Dove 290; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 67; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 303; Am. Crow 586; **Co. Raven 6**; Black-

capped Chickadee 682; Tufted Titmouse 60; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 84; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 7; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 1381; Cedar Waxwing 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 50; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 195; No. Cardinal 28; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 92; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 93; House Sparrow 193.

**Total:** 51 species. **Participants:** Dianne Benko, Gerianne Carillo, Rod Carter, Martha Clarvoe, John Davis, Bob Dewel, Bob Donnelly, Laurel Elder, Cherylyn Greiner, Elma Holway, Gary Holway, Peter Hujik, Ann Kienhusen, David Kienhusen, Erick Knight, Barbara Marsala, Andy Mason, **J. Robert Miller (compiler)**, Jean Miller, Eleanor Moriarty, Betty New, Jeff O'Handly, Sandra Perry, John Peterson, Liz Peterson, Charles Scheim, Jim Wheeling, Susan Young.

## **Orient [NYOR]**

41.1° N 72.33° W; 30 Dec 06; 32°-44° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 57 observers. Total party hours 158.

Snow Goose 9; 'Atlantic' Brant 1; Canada Goose 1557; Mute Swan 104; Wood Duck 7; Gadwall 8; Am. Wigeon 11; Am. Black Duck 1226; Mallard 534; No. Pintail 5; Canvasback 18; Ring-necked Duck 22; Greater Scaup 110; Lesser Scaup 3; scaup sp. 65; Co. Eider 19; Surf Scoter 1572; White-winged Scoter 2523; Black Scoter 365; Long-tailed Duck 808; Bufflehead 1320; Co. Goldeneye 785; **Barrow's Goldeneye 2**; Hooded Merganser 144; Red-breasted Merganser 874; Ruddy Duck 28; **Canada Goose x Greater White-fronted Goose hybrid 1**; Ring-necked Pheasant 2 LC; **Wild Turkey 4**; No. Bobwhite 10 LC; Red-throated Loon 74; Co. Loon 276; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 228; No. Gannet 94; Double-crested Cormorant 9; Great Cormorant 23; Great Blue Heron 53; Great Egret 7; **Green Heron 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; No. Harrier 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk 10; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 25; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2 LC; Merlin 3; Peregrine Falcon 1; Virginia Rail 1; Am. Coot 9; Black-bellied Plover 17; Killdeer CW; Greater Yellowlegs 2; Ruddy Turnstone 109; Sanderling 437; Purple Sandpiper 5; Dunlin 47; Wilson's Snipe 4; Bonaparte's Gull 27; Ring-billed Gull 550; Herring Gull 1774; Great Black-backed Gull 268; Razorbill 9; Rock Pigeon 196; Mourning Dove 410; E. Screech-Owl 22; Great Horned Owl 21; Belted Kingfisher 40; Red-headed Woodpecker 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 122; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 123; Hairy Woodpecker 23; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 70; E. Phoebe 1; Blue Jay 498; Am. Crow 971; Horned Lark 56; Black-capped Chickadee 563; Tufted Titmouse 290; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 127; Brown Creeper 11; Carolina Wren 149; Winter Wren 17; Golden-crowned Kinglet 35; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 14; E. Bluebird 14; Hermit Thrush 25; Am. Robin 1541; Gray Catbird 10; No. Mockingbird 82; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 1708; Cedar Waxwing 22; **Orange-crowned Warbler 2**; **Nashville Warbler 2**; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 40 LC; **Pine Warbler 1**; E. Towhee 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 35; Chipping Sparrow 2; Field Sparrow 4 LC; Savannah Sparrow 67; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 16; Song Sparrow 347; Swamp Sparrow 36; White-throated Sparrow 689; White-crowned Sparrow 2 LC; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 95; Snow Bunting 3 LC; No. Cardinal 277; Red-winged Blackbird 290; E. Meadowlark CW; Rusty Blackbird 2; Co. Grackle 121; House Finch 280; Am. Goldfinch 138; House Sparrow 307.

**Total:** 116 species. **Participants:** Bob Adamo, Andy Baldelli, Lillian Ball, Jim Benson, Tim Bohen, Kevin Brooks, John Brush, Victoria Bustamante, Lou Celenza, Jim Clinton Jr., James Clinton Sr., James Clinton III, Mel Cowgill, Jim Cullen, Heather

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### **Oswego-Fulton [NYOS]**

43.37° N 76.45° W; 17 Dec 06; 35°-51° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 9 observers. Total party hours 33.5.

**Snow Goose 30**; Canada Goose 1512; Am. Black Duck 7; Mallard 653; Greater Scaup 4; Long-tailed Duck 4; Bufflehead 13; Co. Goldeneye 49; Hooded Merganser 10; Co. Merganser 171; Red-breasted Merganser 24; Ruffed Grouse 1; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 33; Great Blue Heron 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 16; Am. Kestrel 3; Ring-billed Gull 538; Herring Gull 73; Great Black-backed Gull 28; Rock Pigeon 707; Mourning Dove 50; E. Screech-Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 9; Downy Woodpecker 25; Hairy Woodpecker 6; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 8; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 57; Am. Crow 141; Black-capped Chickadee 136; Tufted Titmouse 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 27; Brown Creeper 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 1472; Am. Tree Sparrow 33; Song Sparrow 8; Swamp Sparrow 1; **White-crowned Sparrow 1**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 44; No. Cardinal 27; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; House Finch 50; Am. Goldfinch 9; House Sparrow 207.

**Total:** 56 species. **Participants:** Joe Brin, Bill Gruenbaum, Kevin McGann, John H Moore, **Bill Purcell & Margaret Rusk (co-compilers)**.

### **Owego [NYOW]**

42.12° N 76.35° W; 27 Dec 06; 30°-34° F; AM foggy, light rain; PM cloudy; 12 observers. Total party hours 40.

Canada Goose 879; Mallard 65; Bufflehead 1; Co. Merganser 32; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 42; Great Blue Heron 2; No. Harrier 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 5; Ring-billed Gull 55; Herring Gull 11; Rock Pigeon 486; Mourning Dove 381; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 39; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 3; Blue Jay 100; Am. Crow 711; **Fish Crow CW**; Co. Raven 1; Black-capped Chickadee 247; Tufted Titmouse 65; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 27; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 4; E. Bluebird 38; No. Mockingbird CW; European Starling 1283; **Bohemian Waxwing 1**; Cedar Waxwing 39; Am. Tree Sparrow 56; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 180; No. Cardinal 76; Co. Grackle CW; House Finch 97; Am. Goldfinch 101; House Sparrow 247.

**Total:** 42 species. **Participants:** Cutler Baldwin, Jeannette Baldwin, Lois Bingley, Eleanor Ernst, Spencer Hunt, Diane Krein, **Rita Pantle (compiler)**, Robert Pantle, Don Weber, Colleen Wolpert.

### **Pawling (Hidden Valley) [NYHV]**

41.53° N 73.57° W; 2 Jan 07; 39°-46° F; AM partly cloudy; PM clear; 30 observers. Total party hours 105.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 1417; Mute Swan 38; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 1; Am. Wigeon 6; Am. Black Duck 10; Mallard 635; Canvasback 2; Ring-necked Duck 156; Lesser Scaup 4; Bufflehead 7; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 147; Co. Merganser 337; Ruddy Duck 492; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 2; Wild Turkey 118; Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 2; Black Vulture 36; Turkey Vulture 9; Bald Eagle 10; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 5; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 92; Virginia Rail 2; Am. Coot 224; Ring-billed Gull 651; Herring Gull 86; Great Black-backed Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 154; Mourning Dove 239; E. Screech-Owl 11; Great Horned Owl 7; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 51; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 124; Hairy Woodpecker 18; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 252; Am. Crow 832; Fish Crow 9; Co. Raven 18; Black-capped Chickadee 704; Tufted Titmouse 459; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 174; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 26; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 15; E. Bluebird 209; Hermit Thrush 7; Am. Robin 22; Gray Catbird 4; No. Mockingbird 21; European Starling 917; Am. Pipit CW; Cedar Waxwing 77; **Wilson's Warbler 1**; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 100; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow CW; Song Sparrow 82; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 347; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 787; No. Cardinal 193; Red-winged Blackbird 22; Rusty Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 10; Purple Finch 16; House Finch 275; Am. Goldfinch 188; House Sparrow 277.

**Total:** 81 species. **Participants:** Pat Bailey, Jane Brook Barba, Barbara Butler, Betsy Carswell, Bob Cartoceti, **Angela Dimmitt (co-compiler)**, Larry Fischer, Dorothy Fleury, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Sibyll Gilbert, Carol Hamilton, Linton Hamilton, Anne Kehmna, Bill Liedlich, Nancy Liedlich, Allan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Judy Kelley Moberg, Russ Naylor, Nancy Nichols, Maryanne Pitts, Linda Potter, Sally Spence, Lauri Taylor, Nick Thold, Jim Utter, Chet Vincent, Bill Wallace. **Co-compiler: Carena Pooth.**

### **Peekskill [NYPE]**

41.25° N 73.85° W; 16 Dec 06; 35°-50° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 38 observers. Total party hours 104.

Canada Goose 1610; Mute Swan 105; Wood Duck 6; Gadwall 29; Am. Black Duck 114; Mallard 571; No. Shoveler 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 9; Ring-necked Duck 9; Lesser Scaup 2; Bufflehead 64; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 124; Co. Merganser 141; Ruddy Duck 15; Wild Turkey 22; Co. Loon 1; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Double-crested Cormorant 8; Great Cormorant 10; Great Blue Heron 12; Black Vulture 46; Turkey Vulture 105; Bald Eagle 23; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 10; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 91; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 312; Ring-billed Gull 811; Herring Gull 60; Great Black-backed Gull 13; Rock Pigeon 211; Mourning Dove 334; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 3; **Short-eared Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 17; Red-bellied Woodpecker 73; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 112; Hairy Woodpecker 14; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 251; Am. Crow 548; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 370; Tufted Titmouse 224; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 121; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 81; Winter Wren 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet 13; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 77; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 76; Gray Catbird 2; No. Mockingbird 66; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 1780; **Am. Pipit 2**; Cedar Waxwing 17; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 78; Field Sparrow 19; Savannah Sparrow 4; Fox Sparrow 6; Song

Sparrow 149; Swamp Sparrow 13; White-throated Sparrow 581; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 669; **Lapland Longspur 1**; No. Cardinal 151; Red-winged Blackbird 35; E. Meadowlark 2; Rusty Blackbird 21; Co. Grackle 300; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 133; Am. Goldfinch 190; House Sparrow 381.

**Total:** 90 species. **Participants:** Joan Becker, Kelli Bochnik, Michael Bochnik, Joan Coffey, Walter Fowler, Chris Gorman, Ed Higgins, Rik Kaufman, Michael Kogut, Allen Kurtz, Paul Kuznia, Kirsten Lewis, Paul Lewis, Berna Lincoln, Stanley Lincoln, Daniel Littrell, Richard Machin, Joseph O'Connell, Ralph Odell, Eleanor Raheem, Helle Raheem, Jehan Raheem, Charlie Roberto, Anne Swaim, Larry Trachtenberg, Henry Turner, James Utter, Milady Valdez, Gary Van Asselt, Bill Van Wart, William Wallace, Trudy Battaly, Peter Becker, Nannette Orr, Anne Osborn, Drew Panko. **Compiler:** John Askildsen.

### **Plattsburgh [NYPL]**

44.65° N 73.48° W; 17 Dec 06; 37°-45° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy; 26 observers. Total party hours 66.75.

Snow Goose 377; Canada Goose 1112; Am. Black Duck 56; Mallard 379; Lesser Scaup 2; Long-tailed Duck CW; Bufflehead 1; Co. Goldeneye 308; **Barrow's Goldeneye CW**; Hooded Merganser 21; Co. Merganser 77; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 6; Wild Turkey 77; Co. Loon 2; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe CW; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle CW; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 6; Am. Coot 3; Ring-billed Gull 316; Herring Gull 49; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 858; Mourning Dove 442; 58 Downy Woodpecker; Hairy Woodpecker 33; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 144; Am. Crow 775; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 750; Tufted Titmouse 10; Red-breasted Nuthatch 22; White-breasted Nuthatch 68; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 5; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 1091; Cedar Waxwing 94; **Yellow-throated Warbler 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 26; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 89; No. Cardinal 57; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 92; Am. Goldfinch 240; House Sparrow 322.

**Total:** 57 species. **Participants:** Tom Armstrong, Robin Brown, Gwendoline Canteenwalla, Una Carey-Creeden, Julie Dumas, Elizabeth Fitts, **Judith Heintz (compiler)**, Candace Hess, William Krueger, Dayna Lalonde, Julie Lattrell, Melanie McCormack, Karen Moffa, Michelle Snyder, Gary Sturgis, Irma Teittinen, Dan Vogt.

### **Putnam County [NYPC]**

41.4° N 73.8° W; 30 Dec 06; 30°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 40 observers. Total party hours 140.

**Barnacle Goose 1; Cackling Goose 1;** Canada Goose 546; Mute Swan 14; Wood Duck 14; Gadwall 10; Am. Black Duck 51; Mallard 353; Ring-necked Duck 344; Bufflehead 47; Co. Goldeneye 37; Hooded Merganser 154; Co. Merganser 1781; Ruddy Duck 113; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 3; Pied-billed Grebe 1; **Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Cormorant 1;** Great Blue Heron 7; Black Vulture 30; Turkey Vulture 65; Bald Eagle 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 58; **Merlin 1;** Am. Coot 75; Ring-billed Gull 264; Herring Gull 8; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 161; Mourning Dove 229; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 84; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 164; Hairy Woodpecker 35; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 24; Pileated Woodpecker 10; Blue Jay

416; Am. Crow 434; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 6; Black-capped Chickadee 893; Tufted Titmouse 509; White-breasted Nuthatch 268; Brown Creeper 11; Carolina Wren 55; Winter Wren 12; Golden-crowned Kinglet 29; **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1**; E. Bluebird 47; Hermit Thrush 8; **Wood Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 172; Gray Catbird 4; No. Mockingbird 35; European Starling 771; Cedar Waxwing 18; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler CW; Am. Tree Sparrow 174; Field Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 5; Song Sparrow 149; **Lincoln's Sparrow 1**; Swamp Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 485; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 952; No. Cardinal 250; Red-winged Blackbird 14; Co. Grackle 6; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 223; Am. Goldfinch 222; House Sparrow 338.

**Total:** 81 species. **Participants:** Marc Breslav, Robert Brush, Tom Carano, Betsy Carswell, Joe Cullen, Nancy Durr, Douglas Gochfeld, Robert Gochfeld, Josh Golde, Angela Gorman, Chris Gorman, Christina Gorman, Teresa Gorman, Pat Grove, Rik Kaufman, Judy Kelley, Ian Kingsley, Lew Kingsley, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, Rich Machin, Alan Michelin, Barbara Michelin, Ralph Odell, Gerhard Patch, Michael Presutti, Charlie Roberto, Arlene Seymour, Ponie Sheehan, Jane Shumsky, Robert Slechta, David Small, Adele Stern, Lauri Taylor, Larry Trachtenberg, Henry Turner, Bonnie VanAsselt, Gary VanAsselt, Bill Wallace, Janet Zeman. **Compiler: Martin McGuire.**

### Queens [NYQU]

40.7° N 73.75° W; 16 Dec 06; 42°-53° F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy; 29 observers. Total party hours 69.25.

Snow Goose 620; 'Atlantic' Brant 2431; Canada Goose 2584; Mute Swan 38; Gadwall 62; Am. Wigeon 59; Am. Black Duck 502; Mallard 1124; No. Shoveler 43; No. Pintail 2; 'American' Green-winged Teal 26; Canvasback 5; Redhead **22**; Ring-necked Duck 19; Greater Scaup **25576**; Lesser Scaup 2; Surf Scoter 19; White-winged Scoter 8; Black Scoter **55**; scoter sp. 15; Long-tailed Duck 4; Bufflehead 655; Hooded Merganser 85; Co. Merganser 9; Red-breasted Merganser 207; Ruddy Duck 1800; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 6; Red-throated Loon 16; Co. Loon 14; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 16; No. Gannet 1100; Double-crested Cormorant 78; Great Cormorant 7; Great Blue Heron 35; Great Egret 7; Black-crowned Night-Heron 14; No. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 2; **Virginia Rail 1**; Am. Coot 66; Killdeer 4; Greater Yellowlegs 7; Lesser Yellowlegs 1; Ruddy Turnstone 7; Sanderling 451; Purple Sandpiper 8; Dunlin 21; Am. Woodcock 6; Laughing Gull 2; Ring-billed Gull 1732; Herring Gull 1983; Great Black-backed Gull 136; Rock Pigeon 1291; Mourning Dove 315; Monk Parakeet 12; **E. Screech-Owl 1**; Great Horned Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 6; Belted Kingfisher 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 29; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 35; Hairy Woodpecker 11; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 15; E. Phoebe CW; Blue Jay 48; Am. Crow 36; Fish Crow 1; Horned Lark 25; Black-capped Chickadee 49; Tufted Titmouse 25; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 19; Brown Creeper CW; Carolina Wren **27**; Winter Wren 5; **Marsh Wren CW**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin **310**; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 35; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 1269; Am. Pipit 2; Orange-crowned Warbler 2; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 34; Palm Warbler CW; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 40; Savannah Sparrow 14; Fox Sparrow 25; Song Sparrow 60; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 622; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 212; Snow Bunting 23; No. Cardinal 109; Red-winged Blackbird 116; E. Meadowlark 3; Rusty Blackbird 6; Co. Grackle **3066**; Boat-tailed Grackle 27; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Baltimore Oriole 1; House Finch 111; Am. Goldfinch 44; House Sparrow 247.

**Total:** 110 species. **Participants:** Seth Ausubel, Victoria Collett, George Dadone, **Robert Dieterich (compiler)**, Arie Gilbert, David Gillen, Linda Kedenburg, Rick Kedenburg, Bernard Klempner, Linda Klempner, Alexei Kondratiev, Stuart Lipkin, Peter Lopez, Jean Loscalzo, Eric Miller, Rachel Mituzas, Lawrence Plotnick, Steven Plust, Ian Resnick, Jack Rothman, Jane Rothman, Donna Schulman, Peter Shen, Arthur Skopec, Joseph Smulkstis, Gary Straus.

### **Quogue-Watermill [NYQW]**

40.87° N 72.47° W; 16 Dec 06; 32°-52° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 24 observers. Total party hours 69.25.

'Atlantic' Brant 242; Canada Goose 1299; Mute Swan 306; Gadwall 14; Am. Wigeon 15; Am. Black Duck 1237; Mallard 756; No. Shoveler 27; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 15; Canvasback 27; Redhead 3; Ring-necked Duck 35; Greater Scaup 26; Lesser Scaup 97; scaup sp. 120; Co. Eider 9; Surf Scoter 222; White-winged Scoter 173; Black Scoter 128; Long-tailed Duck 749; Bufflehead 1589; Co. Goldeneye 228; Hooded Merganser 203; Co. Merganser 4; Red-breasted Merganser 1237; Ruddy Duck 1387; Ring-necked Pheasant 20; Wild Turkey 1; Red-throated Loon 33; Co. Loon 179; Pied-billed Grebe 6; Horned Grebe 30; No. Gannet 786; Double-crested Cormorant 79; Great Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 75; Great Egret 15; No. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Clapper Rail 2; **Virginia Rail 2**; Am. Coot 31; Black-bellied Plover 175; Killdeer 1; Am. Oystercatcher 3; Greater Yellowlegs 6; Ruddy Turnstone 2; Sanderling 145; Dunlin 278; Wilson's Snipe 1; Am. Woodcock 1; Bonaparte's Gull 26; Ring-billed Gull 437; Herring Gull 1994; Great Black-backed Gull 595; Rock Pigeon 99; Mourning Dove 151; **Monk Parakeet 2**; E. Screech-Owl 13; Belted Kingfisher 18; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 27; Hairy Woodpecker 2; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 13; Blue Jay 98; Am. Crow 648; Fish Crow 1; Horned Lark 9; **Tree Swallow 1**; Black-capped Chickadee 311; Tufted Titmouse 55; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 15; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 61; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 66; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; Hermit Thrush 6; Am. Robin 247; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 41; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 660; Am. Pipit 3; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 45; Palm Warbler 1; Co. Yellowthroat 2; E. Towhee 5; Am. Tree Sparrow 27; Chipping Sparrow 4; Field Sparrow 15; Savannah Sparrow 43; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 5; Song Sparrow 155; Swamp Sparrow 22; White-throated Sparrow 316; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 64; Snow Bunting 80; No. Cardinal 53; Red-winged Blackbird 143; E. Meadowlark 15; Co. Grackle 5; Boat-tailed Grackle 40; Brown-headed Cowbird 11; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 173; Am. Goldfinch 51; House Sparrow 104.

**Total:** 117 species. **Participants:** Andy Baldelli, James Benson, Susan Benson, **Steve Biasseti (compiler)**, Richard Bradley, Ben Chaleff, Jane Chaleff, James Clinton Jr., James Clinton Sr., Mel Cowgill, Bonnie DiPietro, Nancy Gilbert, Beth Gustin, Mike Higgiston, Jay Kuhlman, Edward Kush, Karen Lannigan, Andrew Murphy, Rich Sautkulis, Al Scherzer, Eileen Schwinn, Carl Starace, Linda Sullivan, Dianne Taggart.

### **Rochester [NYRH]**

43.22° N 77.65° W; 17 Dec 06; 40°-57° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain; 63 observers. Total party hours 148.75.

Canada Goose 2094; Mute Swan 351; **Trumpeter Swan CW**; Gadwall 69; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 42; Mallard 2660; No. Shoveler 1; No. Pintail 11;

'American' Green-winged Teal 2; Canvasback 6; Redhead 1401; Ring-necked Duck 28; Greater Scaup 2043; Lesser Scaup 43; scaup sp. 68; Surf Scoter 1; White-winged Scoter 37; Black Scoter 3; Long-tailed Duck 275; Bufflehead 102; Co. Goldeneye 342; Hooded Merganser 23; Co. Merganser 268; Red-breasted Merganser **1393**; Ruddy Duck **12**; Ring-necked Pheasant CW; Wild Turkey 32; Red-throated Loon 7; Co. Loon 2; Horned Grebe 3; Red-necked Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 14; Great Blue Heron 23; Bald Eagle **2**; No. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 50; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; **Merlin 1**; Peregrine Falcon CW; Am. Coot 79; Killdeer CW; **Purple Sandpiper 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 432; Ring-billed Gull 5762; Herring Gull 768; Iceland Gull CW; Lesser Black-backed Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull 199; Rock Pigeon **1620**; Mourning Dove 738; E. Screech-Owl 50; Great Horned Owl 16; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 109; Downy Woodpecker 150; Hairy Woodpecker 69; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 29; Pileated Woodpecker 11; **E. Phoebe 1**; Northern Shrike 4; Blue Jay 231; Am. Crow 7056; Black-capped Chickadee 725; Tufted Titmouse 96; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 78; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 14; Winter Wren 14; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 24; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 8; Hermit Thrush 3; Am. Robin 1261; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 13; European Starling 4189; Cedar Waxwing 23; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; **Ovenbird CW**; Co. Yellowthroat 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 498; **Clay-colored Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 31; Swamp Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 72; **Harris's Sparrow CW**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 256; Snow Bunting 18; No. Cardinal 491; Red-winged Blackbird 285; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 10; **Baltimore Oriole 1**; Pine Grosbeak CW; House Finch 161; Am. Goldfinch 368; House Sparrow 1307.

**Total:** 102 species. **Participants:** Carolyn Barnhart, Jerry Barnhart, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Douglas Bassett, Fred Beltz, Judy Beltz, John Boettcher, Bruce Cady, Mary Ann Cady, Gary Chapin, Steve Daniel, Doug Daniels, Mike Davids, Peter Debes, Jon Dombrowski, Mary Ann Fox, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Lucretia Grosshans, Greg Hartenstein, Kim Hartquist, Christopher Hartwig, Jack Hartwig, Diane Henderson, Gary Klue, Fred Lawrence, Gregory Lawrence, John Lehr, **Gerhard Leubner (co-compiler)**, Ben Levy, David Levy, Jane Levy, Bill Maier, Steve Maley, Bob Marcotte, Cindy Marino, Patricia Martin, Robert Mauceli, Sandy Mauceli, Chita McKinney, Robert McKinney, Randi Minetor, John Olson, Tom Painting, Peter Perkins, Norma Platt, Carolyn Regan, Helen Rice, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Pat Smith, Tom Smith, **Robert Spahn (co-compiler)**, Susan Spahn, David Strong, Jerry Sullivan, William Symonds, Donald Traver, Donna Traver, Kinsley Whittum, Kory Whittum.

### **Rockland County [NYRC]**

41.13° N 73.97° W; 17 Dec 06; 34°-55° F; AM clear; PM clear; 53 observers. Total party hours 75.75.

**Greater White-fronted Goose 1**; Canada Goose 3444; Mute Swan 38; Wood Duck 42; Gadwall 90; Am. Wigeon 2; Am. Black Duck 56; Mallard 464; No. Shoveler 35; 'American' Green-winged Teal 10; Canvasback 167; Ring-necked Duck 1; Bufflehead 57; Co. Goldeneye 13; Hooded Merganser 45; Co. Merganser **5700**; Ruddy Duck 156; Wild Turkey 40; Red-throated Loon CW; Pied-billed Grebe 5; Double-crested Cormorant 31; Great Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 13; Black Vulture **53**; Turkey Vulture 74; Osprey 2; Bald Eagle 11; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 56; **Merlin CW**; Peregrine Falcon 5; Am. Coot 63; Killdeer 2; Am. Woodcock 1; Ring-billed Gull 1036; Herring Gull 351; Great Black-backed Gull 17; Rock Pigeon 703; Mourning Dove 512; E. Screech-Owl 11; Great Horned Owl 6; Belted



Kingfisher 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 72; Downy Woodpecker 133; Hairy Woodpecker 26; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Blue Jay 341; Am. Crow 362; Fish Crow 38; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 191; Tufted Titmouse 189; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 113; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 59; Winter Wren 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 9; **Swainson's Thrush 1**; Hermit Thrush CW; Am. Robin 620; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 83; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 2109; Am. Pipit 11; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; **Yellow-breasted Chat 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 66; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 9; Fox Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 170; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 329; White-crowned Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 669; No. Cardinal 143; Red-winged Blackbird 1714; Co. Grackle 3; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; House Finch 85; Am. Goldfinch 213; House Sparrow 601.

**Total:** 86 species. **Participants:** Danny Albantides, Debbie Bell, Frank Bonanno, Jr., Eugene Brown, Ruth Carlson, Robert Celander, Drew Ciganek, Azucena Dow, Tom Dow, Philip Faurot, Glenys Foster Roberts, Susan Freiman, Anne French, Padraic French, Elyse Fuller, Tom Fuller, Joanna Galdone, Michael Garber, Stephanie Garber, Larrie Goetz, Anita Gossett, Tom Harten, Christopher Healy, Andy Helck, Marianne Jenkins, David Kaplan, Anna Kaufer, Sam Kaufer, Sara Kaufer, Karl Knoecklein, Bonnie Koop, Veronika Krause, John Lampkin, Ken McNichol, Marsha Meyer, Tom Micelli, Patricia Murray, Donna Nye, Lorrie Pallant, Stanley Pallant, Vince Plogar, Jim Previdi, Tom Rowe, Helen Russell, Donald A. Smith, Ronnie Smith, Joan Totton, Jessie Traband, Bob Wei, Carol Weiss, **Della Wells (co-compiler)**, Valerie von Volz. **Co-compiler Alan Wells.**

### **Rome [NYRM]**

43.22° N 75.33° W; 17 Dec 06; 35°-43° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM foggy, light rain; 13 observers. Total party hours 33.5.

Canada Goose **3638**; Am. Black Duck 25; Mallard 350; Co. Merganser 4; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 35; Co. Loon 3; Great Blue Heron 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 22; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Ring-billed Gull 445; Herring Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 322; Mourning Dove 98; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 21; Hairy Woodpecker 10; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 5; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 157; Am. Crow 449; Co. Raven 1; Black-capped Chickadee 252; Tufted Titmouse **13**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2 LC; White-breasted Nuthatch 33; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet **6**; E. Bluebird **10**; **Hermit Thrush 1**; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 1413; Am. Tree Sparrow 61; White-throated Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco **88**; No. Cardinal 17; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; House Finch 7 LC; Am. Goldfinch 52; Evening Grosbeak 2 LC; House Sparrow 188.

**Total:** 45 species. **Participants:** **Bruce Carpenter (compiler)**, Cindy Carpenter, Candis Cesari, Dave Cesari, Dick Hill, Katelyn Hurley, Laura Hurley, William Parkin, Debbie Ringlehan, John Ringlehan, Dan Smith, Garrie Smith, Gerry Smith, Maureen Staloff.

### **Sagaponack [NYSG]**

40.92° N 72.23° W; 17 Dec 06; 30°-56° F; AM partly clear; PM partly cloudy; 30 observers. Total party hours 119.5.

Greater White-fronted Goose CW; Snow Goose 52; 'Atlantic' Brant 41; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose 8816 LC; Mute Swan 289; Wood Duck **17**; Gadwall 30; Am.

Wigeon 14; Am. Black Duck 277; Mallard 586; No. Pintail 16; 'American' Green-winged Teal 41; Canvasback 42; Ring-necked Duck 27; Greater Scaup 6 LC; Lesser Scaup 60; Surf Scoter 650; White-winged Scoter 467; Black Scoter 199; scoter sp. 50; Long-tailed Duck 251; Bufflehead 304; Co. Goldeneye 30; **Barrow's Goldeneye 2**; Hooded Merganser 54; Co. Merganser 14; Red-breasted Merganser 278; Ruddy Duck 170; Ring-necked Pheasant 11; Red-throated Loon 577; Co. Loon 132; Pied-billed Grebe 8; Horned Grebe 37; No. Gannet 583; Double-crested Cormorant 11; Great Blue Heron 41; Great Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 2; No. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 9; Red-tailed Hawk 45; Am. Kestrel 1 LC; Merlin 6; Peregrine Falcon 1; Virginia Rail 8; Am. Coot 65; Killdeer 7; Sanderling 8; Purple Sandpiper 2; Dunlin 21; Wilson's Snipe 1; Bonaparte's Gull 30; Ring-billed Gull 881; Herring Gull 1434; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 246; Black-legged Kittiwake 1; Razorbill 53; Rock Pigeon 270; Mourning Dove 1358; E. Screech-Owl 21; Great Horned Owl 8; No. Saw-whet Owl 1; owl sp. 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 21; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 53; Hairy Woodpecker 3; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 56; E. Phoebe 2; Blue Jay 329; Am. Crow 540; Horned Lark 47; Black-capped Chickadee 574; Tufted Titmouse 217; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 45; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 134; Winter Wren 19; Marsh Wren 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet 58; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12; E. Bluebird 16; Hermit Thrush 19; Am. Robin 513; Gray Catbird 24; No. Mockingbird 102; Brown Thrasher 4; European Starling 2432; Am. Pipit 33; Cedar Waxwing 23; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 46; Pine Warbler 1; Co. Yellowthroat 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 1; E. Towhee 10; Am. Tree Sparrow 11; Field Sparrow 32; Savannah Sparrow 88; Fox Sparrow 56; Song Sparrow 482; Swamp Sparrow 51; White-throated Sparrow 1094; White-crowned Sparrow 12; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 132; Snow Bunting 16; No. Cardinal 213; Red-winged Blackbird 575; E. Meadowlark 1; Co. Grackle 547; Brown-headed Cowbird 97; **Baltimore Oriole 1**; House Finch 391; Am. Goldfinch 126; House Sparrow 465.

**Total:** 117 species. **Participants:** Jim Ash, John Askildsen, Andy Baldelli, Willy & Gerry Becker, Sue & Jim Benson, Steve Biasetti, Tim Bohlen, Tom Brown, Vicki Bustamante, Michael Cinque, Nick Cinque, Douglas Futuyma, Chris Gangemi, Bruce Horwith, Brian Kane, Anthony Lauro, **Hugh McGuinness (compiler)**, Bryan Pfeiffer, Peter Polshak, Chris Roberts, Barbara Rubinstein, Karen Rubinstein, Eric Slayton, Carl Starace, Sally Swain, Richard R Veit, Seth Wollney.

### **Salem [NYSA]**

43.13° N 73.42° W; 16 Dec 06; 42°-46° F; AM partly clear; PM partly clear; 22 observers. Total party hours 55.5.

Snow Goose 4931 (+70 blue morph); Canada Goose 14278; Am. Black Duck 40; Mallard 449; **No. Shoveler 1**; Ring-necked Duck 35; **Greater Scaup 2**; Co. Goldeneye 20; Hooded Merganser 6; Co. Merganser 33; Ruffed Grouse 8; Wild Turkey 43; **No. Bobwhite 1**; Co. Loon 2; Great Blue Heron 4; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 3; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 81; Am. Kestrel 7; Ring-billed Gull 1; Herring Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 522; Mourning Dove 258; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 14; Downy Woodpecker 61; Hairy Woodpecker 16; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Blue Jay 294; Am. Crow 549; Co. Raven 5; Black-capped Chickadee 599; Tufted Titmouse 83; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 71; Brown Creeper 8; **Carolina Wren 1**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 61; Am. Robin 6; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 1057; Cedar Waxwing 30; Am. Tree Sparrow 54; Song Sparrow 29; White-throated

Sparrow 3; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 346; No. Cardinal 57; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 31; House Finch 68; Am. Goldfinch 236; House Sparrow 356.

**Total:** 58 species. **Participants:** Roy Arenella, Elaine Cahen, Mary Emma Campbell, Joe Childs, Al Cormier, Jay Cummings, Dave DeVries, Bonnie Dundas, Scott Dundas, Bill Eberle, Laurie Freeman, **John Helft (compiler)**, Kevin Hemeon, John Hubbard, Jon Lundgren, Bob Page, Gary Pocock, Ron Renoni, David Steinberger, David Student, Sue Van Hook, Hanni Verosy.

### **Saranac Lake [NYSL]**

44.3° N 74.08° W; 30 Dec 06; 19°-28° F; AM cloudy, heavy snow; PM cloudy; 29 observers. Total party hours 91.

Canada Goose **1154**; Am. Black Duck 8; Mallard 318; Hooded Merganser 24; Ruffed Grouse 13; Wild Turkey 13; Bald Eagle 1; Red-tailed Hawk 1; Rock Pigeon 149; Mourning Dove 84; Great Horned Owl CW; Barred Owl 3; Northern Saw-whet Owl 1; Downy Woodpecker 29; Hairy Woodpecker 23; Pileated Woodpecker 9; Northern Shrike 2; Gray Jay 5; Blue Jay 122; Am. Crow 249; Co. Raven 44; Black-capped Chickadee 987; Red-breasted Nuthatch 126; White-breasted Nuthatch 13; Brown Creeper 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 49; Am. Robin CW; European Starling 166; Cedar Waxwing 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 35; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 215; Snow Bunting 43; No. Cardinal 19; Brown-headed Cowbird CW; Purple Finch 176; Red Crossbill 7; White-winged Crossbill 62; Co. Redpoll 25; Pine Siskin 154; Am. Goldfinch 872; Evening Grosbeak 4; House Sparrow 22.

**Total:** 42 species. **Participants:** Tom Armstrong, Jeff Bolsinger, John Brown, Joan Collins, Tom Dudones, Peter Galvani, Ed Grant, **Julie Hart (co-compiler)**, Audrey Hyson, Dayna LaLonde, Linda LaPan, Fuat Latif, Ted Mack, Brian McAllister, Melanie McCormick, **Matt Medler (co-compiler)**, Sean O'Brien, Mary O'Dell, Dan Peters, Carol Pinney, Dana Rohleder, Lew Rosenberg, Sheila Rosenberg, Bill Schoch, Nina Schoch, Janet Stein, Eileen Wheeler, Tom Wheeler, Matt Young. **Co-compiler: Larry Master.**

### **Saratoga Spa S.P. [NYSS]**

43.06 ° N 73.7 ° W; 16 Dec 06; 38°-46° F; AM cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 21 observers. Total party hours 58.5.

Snow Goose 411; Canada Goose **6910**; Gadwall CW; Am. Black Duck 78; Mallard 770; Ring-necked Duck 13; Lesser Scaup CW; Bufflehead CW; Co. Goldeneye 200; Hooded Merganser 23; Co. Merganser 43; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 138; Co. Loon 5; Great Blue Heron **4**; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 74; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel **3**; **Peregrine Falcon CW**; Am. Coot **32**; Ring-billed Gull 175; Herring Gull 12; **Iceland Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 8; Rock Pigeon 554; Mourning Dove 361; E. Screech-Owl **4**; Great Horned Owl 4; Barred Owl CW; **Long-eared Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher **8**; Red-bellied Woodpecker **12**; Downy Woodpecker 57; Hairy Woodpecker 14; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 7; **E. Phoebe 1**; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 167; Am. Crow 813; Co. Raven **4**; Horned Lark 10; Black-capped Chickadee 421; Tufted Titmouse 133; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch **74**; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren **5**; Golden-crowned Kinglet **23**; E. Bluebird 77; Am. Robin CW, LC; No. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 1531; Cedar Waxwing 39; Am. Tree Sparrow 122; Song Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 6; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 229; No. Cardinal 69; Red-winged Blackbird 7; Brown-headed Cowbird 4; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 89; Co. Redpoll 22; Am. Goldfinch 167; House Sparrow 204.

**Total:** 70 species. **Participants:** John Adair, Sue Adair, Tijen Arin, Joe Carey, Tom Cobb, William Ehmman, Corey Finger, Dave Gibson, Bruce Goodale, Ron Harrower, Jean Holcomb, Ellen Kiehl, Kevin Matocha, Ray Perry, Barb Putnam, Will Raup, Kathy Rowland, **Larry Rowland (compiler)**, Edwin Schiele, Alison Van Keuren, Tom Williams.

### **Schenectady [NYST]**

42.7° N 73.9° W; 16 Dec 06; 37°-44° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 20 observers. Total party hours 65.5.

Canada Goose 2347; Mute Swan 1; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 53; Mallard 428; **Ring-necked Duck 1; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 1; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 64; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 2; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 31; Great Blue Heron 6; Bald Eagle 4; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 53; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 268; Herring Gull 118; **Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 44; Rock Pigeon 434; Mourning Dove 221; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 65; Hairy Woodpecker 27; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 2 LC; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Blue Jay 77; Am. Crow 1539; Fish Crow 1; Co. Raven 4; Black-capped Chickadee 410; Tufted Titmouse 122; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 49; Brown Creeper 2 LC; Carolina Wren 10; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 37; Am. Robin 436; No. Mockingbird 12; European Starling 1606; Am. Tree Sparrow 82; Song Sparrow 10 LC; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 84; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 359; No. Cardinal 84; Red-winged Blackbird 2; House Finch 79; Am. Goldfinch 113; House Sparrow 294.****

**Total:** 61 species. **Participants:** Lawrence Alden, Janet Betlejeski, Joan Cipriani, Michael Crevier, Carl George, Cathy Graichen, Bernard Grossman, John Hershey, Edwin Hicks, Carrie Kirkton, **William Lee (compiler)**, Kathleen Loguidice, James Marx, Roger Miller, Thomas Palmer, Gregg Recer, Peggy Rudis, Henry Stebbins, Jaime Taft, Robert Yunick.

### **Scio [NYSO]**

42.1° N 78.0° W; 16 Dec 06; 32°-38° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear; 12 observers. Total party hours 30.

Canada Goose 357; Mallard 53; Co. Merganser 19; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 4; Great Blue Heron 2; **Turkey Vulture 1; Bald Eagle 1; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 17; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 3; Ring-billed Gull 82; Herring Gull 5; Rock Pigeon 245; Mourning Dove 60; Great Horned Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 20; Hairy Woodpecker 5; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Blue Jay 73; Am. Crow 282; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 197; Tufted Titmouse 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch 10; White-breasted Nuthatch 14; Brown Creeper 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 553; Am. Tree Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 58; No. Cardinal 10; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 19; Am. Goldfinch 21; House Sparrow 185.**

**Total:** 42 species. **Participants:** Russell Allen, Steven Chaffee, Paul Culley, Peter Finlay, Theresa Finlay, Walt Franklin, James Horn, Anne Pipal, Robert Pipal, Bruce Smalley, Robert Smalley. **Compiler: Doris Burton.**

### **Sherburne [NYSH]**

42.68° N 75.5° W; 16 Dec 06; 36°-45° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy; 20 observers. Total party hours 50.5.

**Snow Goose** 3; Canada Goose 2441; Am. Black Duck 5; Mallard 69; Co. Merganser 33; Ring-necked Pheasant 5; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 43; Great Blue Heron 3; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 18; Rough-legged Hawk 9; Am. Kestrel 2; Herring Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 613; Mourning Dove 136; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 36; Hairy Woodpecker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Northern Shrike 1; Blue Jay 148; Am. Crow 795; Horned Lark 217; Black-capped Chickadee 353; Tufted Titmouse 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 39; Brown Creeper 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 2100; Cedar Waxwing 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 77; Song Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 4; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 88; No. Cardinal 13; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 15; House Finch 11; Am. Goldfinch 107; House Sparrow 164.

**Total:** 48 species. **Participants:** Anne Altshuler, Laura Carey, Jim Davis, Christina DeCesare, Anne Geary, Aaron Graves, Esther Graves, Marsha Guzewich, Bonnie Knapp, John Knapp, Suzanne Knapp, Tom Knapp, Suzanne Schwarz, Donald Windsor, **Fred von Mechow (compiler)**.

### **Skaneateles [NYSK]**

42.95° N 76.43° W; 30 Dec 06; 30°-36° F; AM cloudy, light rain, light snow; PM cloudy, light rain, light snow; 23 observers. Total party hours 72.

**Snow Goose** 9978; Canada Goose 4845; Am. Black Duck 103; Mallard 558; 'American' Green-winged Teal 3; Greater Scaup 295; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 63; Co. Goldeneye 19; Co. Merganser 14; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 2; Co. Loon 5; Horned Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 3; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 1; No. Goshawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 28; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 4; Ring-billed Gull 2002; Herring Gull 14; Great Black-backed Gull 18; Rock Pigeon 539; Mourning Dove 376; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 23; Downy Woodpecker 64; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 130; Am. Crow 1266; Black-capped Chickadee 337; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 17; Am. Robin 22; European Starling 5052; Am. Tree Sparrow 107; Song Sparrow 10; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 35; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 194; No. Cardinal 82; Red-winged Blackbird 16; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; House Finch 271; Am. Goldfinch 85; House Sparrow 94.

**Total:** 59 species. **Participants:** Dave Baldrini, Joe Brin, Ken Burdick, Rose Burdick, Bernie Carr, **John Cashier (compiler)**, Roger Daigle, Robin Jowaisis, Bob Long, Caroline Manring, Margaret Manring, Kevin McGann, Don O'Brien, Bill Purcell, Paul Richardson, Susan Riley, Thomas Riley.

### **Smithtown [NYSM]**

40.87° N 73.2° W; 27 Dec 06; 39°-46° F; AM partly cloudy; PM clear; 18 observers. Total party hours 158.

**Snow Goose** CW; 'Atlantic' Brant 897; Canada Goose 1976; Mute Swan 145; Wood Duck 8; Gadwall 363; Am. Wigeon 363; Am. Black Duck 724; Mallard 1186; No. Shoveler 51; No. Pintail 8; 'American' Green-winged Teal 2; Canvasback 6; Ring-necked Duck 301; Greater Scaup 34; Surf Scoter 22; White-winged Scoter 112; Long-

tailed Duck 131; Bufflehead 291; Co. Goldeneye 145; Hooded Merganser 165; Co. Merganser **142**; Red-breasted Merganser 251; Ruddy Duck 38; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Red-throated Loon 21; Co. Loon **61**; Pied-billed Grebe 9; Horned Grebe 12; No. Gannet **40**; Double-crested Cormorant 8; Great Cormorant 6; Great Blue Heron 39; Great Egret **14**; Snowy Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 25; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 26; Merlin 1; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Clapper Rail 1; Virginia Rail 2; Am. Coot 175; Black-bellied Plover 12; Killdeer 1; Greater Yellowlegs 4; Sanderling 105; **Purple Sandpiper 4**; Dunlin 36; Bonaparte's Gull 67; Ring-billed Gull 1157; Herring Gull 1456; Great Black-backed Gull 302; **Razorbill 1**; Rock Pigeon 183; Mourning Dove 123; E. Screech-Owl 21; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 24; Red-bellied Woodpecker 43; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 24; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 8; Blue Jay 141; Am. Crow 825; Fish Crow 53; Black-capped Chickadee 291; Tufted Titmouse 110; White-breasted Nuthatch 35; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 115; **House Wren 1**; Winter Wren **23**; Golden-crowned Kinglet **36**; Ruby-crowned Kinglet **8**; Hermit Thrush 7; Am. Robin 89; Gray Catbird 12; No. Mockingbird 137; Brown Thrasher 6; European Starling 904; Cedar Waxwing 4; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 37; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 19; Chipping Sparrow CW; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 1; Fox Sparrow 22; Song Sparrow 131; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow **562**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 93; Snow Bunting 1; No. Cardinal **211**; Red-winged Blackbird **572**; Rusty Blackbird 16; Co. Grackle **3368**; House Finch 45; Am. Goldfinch 152; House Sparrow 204.

**Total:** 103 species. **Participants:** Luci Betti, Beth Cartwright, Dick Cartwright, Sean Duffy, Douglas Futuyma, **Rich Gostic (compiler)**, Jeff Gottlieb, Brian Kane, Jim LaRosa, Hugh McGuinness, Robert Mcgrath, Marc Oliveri, Mike Putnam, Glenn Quinn, Diane Spitz, Tom Stock, Jordan Wolf.

### **Southern Nassau County [NYSN]**

40.62° N 73.6° W, center Baldwin Bay; 1 Jan 07, 6:30 am-5:00 pm; 45°-55° F; wind SSE 15-28 mph; snow cover 0"; all water open; AM cloudy, heavy rain; PM cloudy, heavy rain; 43 observers in 22 parties (non-owling). Total party hours 166; party miles 449.5; 81 hours and 67.5 miles on foot; 85 hours and 382 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; 'Atlantic' Brant 20669; Canada Goose 4287; Mute Swan 133; Gadwall 541; Am. Wigeon 114; Am. Black Duck 3170; Mallard 1851; No. Shoveler 144; No. Pintail 198; 'American' Green-winged Teal 270; Redhead 1; Ring-necked Duck 27; Greater Scaup 779; Lesser Scaup **1181**; Surf Scoter 14; White-winged Scoter 8; Black Scoter 2; Long-tailed Duck 62; Bufflehead 99; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 598; Co. Merganser 12; Red-breasted Merganser 516; Ruddy Duck 491; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 6; Red-throated Loon 97; Co. Loon 22; Pied-billed Grebe 17; Horned Grebe 2 LC; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet 497; **Brown Pelican CW**; Double-crested Cormorant 50; Great Cormorant 22; Am. Bittern 6; Great Blue Heron 76; Great Egret 17; Black-crowned Night-Heron 79; No. Harrier 12; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5 LC; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Peregrine Falcon 2; Virginia Rail 3; Am. Coot 132; Black-bellied Plover 220; Am. Oystercatcher 33; Greater Yellowlegs 4; Lesser Yellowlegs CW; Willet 1; Ruddy Turnstone 26; Red Knot 1; Sanderling 83; Purple Sandpiper 17; Dunlin 783; Long-billed Dowitcher CW; Wilson's Snipe 3; Am. Woodcock 2; Black-headed Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 370; Ring-billed Gull 2653; Herring Gull 2533; Lesser Black-backed Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull 535; Razorbill CW; Rock Pigeon 648; Mourning Dove 225; Barn Owl CW; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 13; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; Downy Woodpecker 30; Hairy

Woodpecker 4; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 12 LC; Blue Jay 45; Am. Crow 91 LC; Fish Crow 1 LC; Horned Lark 49; Tree Swallow 277; Black-capped Chickadee 83; Tufted Titmouse 10 LC; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 8; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 30; Winter Wren 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 20; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; **E. Bluebird 2**; Hermit Thrush 3; Am. Robin 152; Gray Catbird 6; No. Mockingbird 49 LC; European Starling 3993; Orange-crowned Warbler 2; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 90 LC; Palm Warbler CW; **Western Tanager CW**; E. Towhee 3; Am. Tree Sparrow 36; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 13; Savannah Sparrow 29; 'Ipswich' Savannah Sparrow 4; Fox Sparrow 8; Song Sparrow 218; Swamp Sparrow 11; White-throated Sparrow 408; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 38; Snow Bunting 25; No. Cardinal 161; **Rose-breasted Grosbeak CW**; Red-winged Blackbird 13; Boat-tailed Grackle 21; Brown-headed Cowbird 73; House Finch 75; Am. Goldfinch 16 LC; House Sparrow 465.

**Total:** 111 species. **Participants:** Matt Bayer, Gail Benson, Mary Beth Billerman, Shawn Billerman, Michael Bochnik, Marc Brody, Sharon Brody, James Browne, Jackie Bruskin, Tom Burke, Steven D'Amato, George Dadone, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Gerta Fritz, **John Fritz (co-compiler)**, Doug Futuyma, Leslie Gershon, Richard Gershon, Joe Giunta, John Gluth, Mitchell Horowitz, Kelli Jewel, Pat Jones, Rich Kelly, David Kunstler, Robert Kurtz, Emanuel Levine, Mickey Levine, **Patricia Lindsay (co-compiler)**, Jean Loscalzo, Debbie Martin, Paul Matulonis, Hugh McGuinness, Eric Miller, **Shai Mitra (co-compiler)**, Paul Oehrlein, Bill Reeves, Seymour Schiff, Sean Sime, Lloyd Spitalnik, Diana Teta, John Walsh, John Zarudsky.

### **Southern Orange County [NYSU]**

41.3° N 78.33° W; 23 Dec 06; 35°-54° F; AM local fog; PM partly cloudy; 18 observers. Total party hours 76.5.

Snow Goose 3; Canada Goose 4400; Mute Swan 39; Am. Wigeon 7; Am. Black Duck 65; Mallard 405; No. Shoveler 4; 'American' Green-winged Teal 12; Ring-necked Duck 20; Bufflehead 24; Co. Goldeneye 6; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 128; Ruddy Duck 112; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 162; Great Blue Heron 17; Black Vulture 45; Turkey Vulture 81; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 19; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 10; Red-tailed Hawk 89; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 16; Merlin 1; Am. Coot 11; Killdeer 1; Ring-billed Gull 1518; Herring Gull 19; Rock Pigeon 123; Mourning Dove 667; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 6; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 97; Hairy Woodpecker 13; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 31; Pileated Woodpecker 2; E. Phoebe 1; Blue Jay 191; Am. Crow 12197; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 204; Black-capped Chickadee 296; Tufted Titmouse 200; White-breasted Nuthatch 67; Carolina Wren 44; Winter Wren 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 91; Hermit Thrush 4; Am. Robin 202; Gray Catbird 3; No. Mockingbird 72; European Starling 3044; Cedar Waxwing 72; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 202; Field Sparrow 3; Fox Sparrow 8; Song Sparrow 168; Swamp Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 423; White-crowned Sparrow 18; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 1076; Lapland Longspur 1; No. Cardinal 192; Red-winged Blackbird 17; Rusty Blackbird 9; Co. Grackle 84; Brown-headed Cowbird 21; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 207; Am. Goldfinch 46; House Sparrow 245.

**Total:** 77 species. **Participants:** Lynn Barber, Dennis Murphy, Bob Slechta, **Herb Stein (compiler)**, John Yrizzary.

### **Southern Rensselaer County [NYSR]**

42.62° N 73.63° W; 23 Dec 06; 37°-47° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM local fog; 17 observers. Total party hours 64.5.

Canada Goose 2374; Mute Swan 19; Am. Black Duck 5; Mallard 306; **Greater Scaup 1**; Lesser Scaup 4; Hooded Merganser 13; Co. Merganser 60; Ruddy Duck 12; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 122; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 50; Peregrine Falcon 2; Ring-billed Gull 142; Herring Gull 8 LC; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 572; Mourning Dove 491; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; Downy Woodpecker 77; Hairy Woodpecker 25; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 7; Blue Jay 254; Am. Crow 2386; Fish Crow 3; Co. Raven 3; Black-capped Chickadee 673; Tufted Titmouse 161; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1 LC; White-breasted Nuthatch 68; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 7; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 67; Am. Robin 696; No. Mockingbird 19; European Starling 4166; Cedar Waxwing 15; Am. Tree Sparrow 177; Savannah Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 14; White-throated Sparrow 58; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 519; No. Cardinal 102; Red-winged Blackbird 8; House Finch 101; Am. Goldfinch 98; House Sparrow 285.

**Total:** 57 species. **Participants:** Hope Batcheller, Joan Cipriani, Bernice Fiske, Gary Goodness, Don Gresens, Rich Guthrie, Nancy Kern, William Lee, Frank Murphy, Patti Packer, Peggy Rudis, Debbie Shaw, Gene Vermilyea, Marjorie Whitney, **Philip Whitney (compiler)**, Steve Yandik, Will Yandik.

### **St. Bonaventure [NYSB]**

42.1° N 78.48° W; 16 Dec 06; 32°-46° F; AM cloudy; PM clear; 8 observers. Total party hours 48.75.

Canada Goose 209; Mallard 44; Hooded Merganser 11; Co. Merganser 26; Ruffed Grouse 4; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 1; **Red-shouldered Hawk 1**; Red-tailed Hawk 11; Am. Kestrel 5; Ring-billed Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 534; Mourning Dove 126; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 12; Hairy Woodpecker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 102; Am. Crow 369; Co. Raven 4; Black-capped Chickadee 308; Tufted Titmouse 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 34; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 12; E. Bluebird 10; European Starling 821; Am. Tree Sparrow 49; Song Sparrow 3; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 8; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 101; No. Cardinal 15; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 6; House Finch 8; Am. Goldfinch 58; House Sparrow 92.

**Total:** 40 species. **Participants:** Tim Baird, Michael DeSha, Stephen Eaton, Tom LeBlanc, Jeff McMullen, Jeff Reed, James VanScoy, **Regina VanScoy (compiler)**.

### **Staten Island [NYSI]**

40.58° N 74.15° W; 16 Dec 06; 42°-54° F; AM clear; PM cloudy; 46 observers. Total party hours 109.

**Greater White-fronted Goose 1**; Snow Goose 4; 'Atlantic' Brant 1642; Canada Goose 2169; Mute Swan 5; Wood Duck 8; Gadwall 214; Am. Wigeon 63; Am. Black Duck 475; Mallard 779; No. Shoveler 97; No. Pintail 58; 'American' Green-winged Teal 17; Canvasback 7; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 1002; Long-tailed Duck 9; Bufflehead 216; Co. Goldeneye 126; Hooded Merganser 57; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 98; Ruddy Duck 164; Ring-necked Pheasant 9; **Wild Turkey 25**; Red-throated Loon 31; Co. Loon 14; Pied-billed Grebe 7; Horned Grebe 77; No. Gannet 9; Double-crested Cormorant 53; Great Cormorant 62; Great Blue Heron 17; Black-



crowned Night-Heron 1; **Turkey Vulture 8**; No. Harrier 10; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 9; Red-tailed Hawk 54; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon CW; Am. Coot 29; Killdeer 10; Ruddy Turnstone 3; Sanderling 1; Purple Sandpiper 15; Dunlin 4; Am. Woodcock 4; Bonaparte's Gull 6; Ring-billed Gull 3871; Herring Gull 1930; Great Black-backed Gull 761; Rock Pigeon 1447; Mourning Dove 307; Barn Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 11; Red-bellied Woodpecker **54**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 100; Hairy Woodpecker 10; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 18; **Western Kingbird 1**; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 146; Am. Crow 55; Fish Crow 2; Horned Lark 77; Black-capped Chickadee 141; Tufted Titmouse 57; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 38; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren **38**; Winter Wren 3; Marsh Wren 3; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 223; Gray Catbird 7; No. Mockingbird 85; European Starling 3676; Am. Pipit 3; Cedar Waxwing 6; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; 'Myrtle' Yellow-rumped Warbler 16; Co. Yellowthroat CW; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 247; Field Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow 51; Fox Sparrow 12; Song Sparrow 286; Swamp Sparrow 61; White-throated Sparrow 677; White-crowned Sparrow 1; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 222; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 2; No. Cardinal 108; Red-winged Blackbird 327; E. Meadowlark 14; Co. Grackle 295; Brown-headed Cowbird 122; Baltimore Oriole 1; House Finch 114; Am. Goldfinch 149; House Sparrow 529.

**Total:** 109 species. **Participants:** Ron Armitage, Catherine Barron, George Bouquio, Jeff Brady, Tom Brown, Richard Buegler, Eva Callahan, Toni Canzoneri, Liz Craig, Rollin Deas, Gloria Deppe, Al DiLiberto, Dave Eib, Charles Fallon, Henry Flamm, John Flynn, Karen Fu, Joe Goldie, Cliff Hagen, Harry Jenkins, Cynthia Jimenez, **Edward Johnson (compiler)**, Zachary Johnson, Dave Jordet, Adrienne Kent, Michael Kranish, Harry Madden, Ray Matarazzo, Nate McVay, Sandra Mechanic, Holly Mones, Wayne Mones, Don Muldoon, Beth Nicholls, Anne Purcell, Irving Robbins, Zeav Robbins, Jarrod Santora, Matthew Savoca, Michael Shanley, Jeff Stetson, John Stonick, Alex Summers, Richard Veit, Tim White, Seth Wollney, Herman Zaage.

### **Syracuse [NYSY]**

43.1° N 76.08° W; 16 Dec 06; 37°-40° F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy; 23 observers. Total party hours 108.5.

'**Atlantic**' **Brant 9**; Canada Goose 2079; **Mute Swan 2**; **Trumpeter Swan 9**; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 12; Mallard 443; No. Pintail 1; 'American' Green-winged Teal 9; scaup sp. 9; Bufflehead 3; Co. Goldeneye 97; Hooded Merganser 20; Co. Merganser 75; Wild Turkey 37; Co. Loon 2; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Horned Grebe 3; Double-crested Cormorant 10; Great Blue Heron 8; **Turkey Vulture 19**; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 38; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin CW; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Bonaparte's Gull 17; Ring-billed Gull 958; Herring Gull 106; Great Black-backed Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 1393; Mourning Dove 270; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Snowy Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 22; Downy Woodpecker 98; Hairy Woodpecker 27; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 14; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 91; Am. Crow 8598; Black-capped Chickadee 626; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 70; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 4; Winter Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 2; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 382; No. Mockingbird 10; European Starling 3082; Cedar Waxwing 30; Am. Tree Sparrow 89; Song Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 72; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 170; No. Cardinal 180; Red-winged Blackbird 18; Brown-headed Cowbird 150; House Finch 145; Am. Goldfinch 340; House Sparrow 437.

**Total:** 70 species. **Participants:** Bob Asanoma, Sue Boetcher, Joe Brin, Bernie Carr, John Cashier, Roger Daigle, Ruth Florey, Bill Gruenbaum, Gene Huggins, Robert Long, **Kevin McGann (compiler)**, David Nash, Bill Purcell, Paul Richardson, John Rogers, Margaret Rusk, David Ryan, Jeanne Ryan.

### **Thousand Islands [ONTI]**

44.35° N 75.98° W; 26 Dec 06; 34°-36° F; AM cloudy, light rain, light snow; PM cloudy; 21 observers. Total party hours 65.

Canada Goose 1040; Am. Black Duck 28; Mallard 385; Greater Scaup 88; Bufflehead 10; Co. Goldeneye 478; Co. Merganser 129; Red-breasted Merganser 15; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 162; Co. Loon 1; **Double-crested Cormorant 4**; Bald Eagle 11; No. Harrier 19; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 19; Rough-legged Hawk 24; Am. Kestrel 1; Bonaparte's Gull 1; Ring-billed Gull 95; Herring Gull 270; Great Black-backed Gull 29; Rock Pigeon 313; Mourning Dove 363; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 3; Downy Woodpecker 41; Hairy Woodpecker 20; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 11; No. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 225; Am. Crow 308; Co. Raven 13; Horned Lark 40; Black-capped Chickadee 435; Tufted Titmouse 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 90; Brown Creeper 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 6; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 1710; Am. Tree Sparrow 72; Song Sparrow 9; Swamp Sparrow 2; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 88; Snow Bunting 13; No. Cardinal 7; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; Pine Grosbeak 25; House Finch 5; Co. Redpoll; Am. Goldfinch 73; House Sparrow 314.

**Total:** 64 species. **Participants:** none listed. **Compiler:** Kenneth Robinson.

### **Troy [NYTR]**

42.83° N 73.67° W; 30 Dec 06; 22°-34° F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow; 18 observers. Total party hours 66.25.

Snow Goose 1099; **Cackling Goose 1**; Canada Goose 8822; Gadwall 1; Am. Wigeon CW; Am. Black Duck 111; Mallard 427; No. Pintail 1; Ring-necked Duck 92; **Surf Scoter 20**; Co. Goldeneye 77; Hooded Merganser 74; Co. Merganser 742; Ruddy Duck 193; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 1; Wild Turkey 96; Co. Loon 2; **Red-necked Grebe CW**; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Great Blue Heron 2; **Green Heron 1**; Bald Eagle 8; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 45; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin CW; Ring-billed Gull 330; Herring Gull 813; Great Black-backed Gull 298; Rock Pigeon 991; Mourning Dove 639; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker 8; Downy Woodpecker 66; Hairy Woodpecker 18; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 11; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 128; Am. Crow 3367; Fish Crow CW; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 195; Black-capped Chickadee 572; Tufted Titmouse 129; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 6; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 55; Am. Robin 372; **Gray Catbird 1**; No. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 3595; Cedar Waxwing 36; Am. Tree Sparrow 186; Song Sparrow 19; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 51; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 293; No. Cardinal 108; Brown-headed Cowbird 115; House Finch 113; Co. Redpoll 20; Am. Goldfinch 161; House Sparrow 619.

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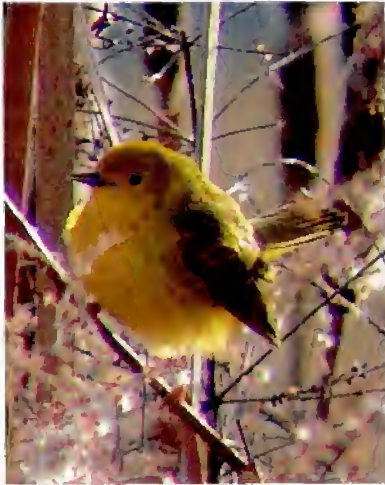


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### **Watertown [NYWA]**

44.0° N 76.0° W; 16 Dec 06; 37°-46° F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy; 14 observers. Total party hours 63.

Snow Goose **150**; Canada Goose **15197**; Tundra Swan 108; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 8; Mallard 318; Greater Scaup 926; Co. Goldeneye 10; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 1; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 103; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 10; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 60; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 101; Herring Gull 199; Great Black-backed Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 1298; Mourning Dove 481; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 20; Hairy Woodpecker 12; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Blue Jay 89; Am. Crow **16410**; Co. Raven **2**; Horned Lark 6; Black-capped Chickadee 142; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 24; **Marsh Wren 1**; Am. Robin 7; European Starling 7050; Am. Tree Sparrow 102; Song Sparrow 2; **Swamp Sparrow 1**; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 28; Snow Bunting 6; No. Cardinal 31; **Rusty Blackbird 1**; Brown-headed Cowbird **210**; House Finch 14; Am. Goldfinch 25; House Sparrow 828.

**Total:** 52 species. **Participants:** Jeff Bolsinger, Marion Brouse, Richard Brouse, Carol Cady, Betty Prosser, Gerry Smith, Eve Sweatman, June Walker, Robert Walker. **Compiler:** David Prosser.

### **Watkins Glen [NYWG]**

42.37° N 76.87° W; 30 Dec 06; 34°-40° F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy, light rain; 5 observers. Total party hours 31.

Canada Goose 1920; Wood Duck 2; Am. Wigeon 2; Am. Black Duck 13; Mallard 170; Ring-necked Duck CW; Lesser Scaup 17; Long-tailed Duck CW; Bufflehead 6; Co. Goldeneye CW; Hooded Merganser 19; Co. Merganser **159**; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 25; Co. Loon 2; Pied-billed Grebe 5; Great Blue Heron 1; No. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk CW; Cooper's Hawk 2; **Red-shouldered Hawk 1**; Red-tailed Hawk 26; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Am. Kestrel 6; Am. Coot 163; Ring-billed Gull 759; Herring Gull 43; Great Black-backed Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 425; Mourning Dove 294; Great Horned Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 18; Downy Woodpecker 47; Hairy Woodpecker 20; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 7; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 153; Am. Crow 332; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 5; Black-capped Chickadee 251; Tufted Titmouse 73; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 64; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 9; Winter Wren 1; E. Bluebird 26; Am. Robin 27; No. Mockingbird 6; European Starling 2446; Cedar Waxwing 204; Am. Tree Sparrow 59; Song Sparrow 11; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 23; White-crowned Sparrow CW; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 122; No. Cardinal 75; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 25; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 90; Am. Goldfinch 33; House Sparrow 103.

**Total:** 63 species. **Participants:** Jack Brubaker (compiler), Ed Gates, Bill Ostrander, Barlow Rhodes, Fred Sibley.

### **Wilson-Lake Plains [NYWL]**

43.23° N 78.67° W; 23 Dec 06; 34°-45° F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy, light rain; 16 observers. Total party hours 59.5.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** 4; Canada Goose 902; Mute Swan 5; Tundra Swan CW; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 79; Redhead 32; Greater Scaup 116; Lesser Scaup 69; White-winged Scoter 267; Long-tailed Duck 293; Bufflehead 32; Co. Goldeneye 137; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 2; Red-breasted Merganser 510; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Red-throated Loon 49; Co. Loon 6; Horned Grebe 7; Red-necked Grebe 10; Great Blue Heron 3; No. Harrier 10; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-tailed Hawk 54; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 9; Am. Coot 1; Bonaparte's Gull 83; Ring-billed Gull 4061; Herring Gull 398; Great Black-backed Gull 13; Rock Pigeon 216; Mourning Dove 317; E. Screech-Owl 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 24; Downy Woodpecker 32; Hairy Woodpecker 12; 'Yellow-shafted' No. Flicker 18; Blue Jay 104; Am. Crow 273; Black-capped Chickadee 183; Tufted Titmouse 7; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 10; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren CW; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 10; Am. Robin 17; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 6014; Cedar Waxwing 99; Am. Tree Sparrow 115; Field Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 5; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 6; White-crowned Sparrow 10; 'Slate-colored' Dark-eyed Junco 72; No. Cardinal 89; **Red-winged Blackbird** 2; Co. Grackle 1; House Finch 45; Am. Goldfinch 185; House Sparrow 410.

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## REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The very mild weather from November continued into December, and it was the second warmest November-December period on record. The average temperature was 37.2° F, 7.4° F above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 3.16", 0.64" less than usual, along with only 7.5" of snow, 18" less than usual. Very strong winds on the 1<sup>st</sup> resulted in a major seiche on Lake Erie and the highest water levels since 1985. The extremely mild weather continued for the first two weeks of January, but then very wintry conditions finally arrived and lingered. The average temperature was 28.9° F, 4.4° F above normal. The monthly precipitation was 4.77", 1.61" above normal, with only 15.5" of snow, 10.6" below normal. The long run of warm winter weather resulted in some bizarre sights and sounds for January including sprouting crocuses and daffodils and calling spring peepers! The arctic chill lasted through February, and it was the coldest February in nearly 30 years and snowiest in 12 years. The average temperature was 18.6° F, 7.3° F below normal. There was a 22-day stretch where the temperature was below freezing, the longest such stretch since 1985. The monthly precipitation was 1.71", 0.71" below normal, with 33.5" of snowfall, 15.7" above normal. Snow fell on 26 of the 28 days.

The mild weather in the first half of the season allowed waterfowl to linger later than usual and in places where open water is normally frozen by New Year's Day, e.g. Iroquois NWR and Lake Flavia in Dayton. There were unusually large numbers of geese at Iroquois NWR and vicinity in early January, including a group of 400 Snow Geese that far surpassed the previous regional winter maximum of 60. A **Greater White-fronted Goose** and several **Cackling Geese** were also seen in January. There are only two previous January records for both species. At the onset of snowy weather on 20 January, Jeff Reed observed several skeins of Canada Geese flying south in Olean. Lake Erie did not freeze over until mid-February, and there were fewer waterfowl than usual on the Niagara River and at Dunkirk Harbor until that time. Canvasbacks were in lower numbers on the Niagara River than usual until the cold weather of mid-January set in, at which time Bill Burch and Jerry Lazarczyk counted 12,500 off Beaver Island State Park. There were several reports of diving ducks and grebes being rescued from roadsides in mid-February. Other waterfowl highlights included a lingering **Harlequin Duck** at Dunkirk Harbor, an **Eared Grebe** at Dunkirk Harbor in early December, and a **Barrow's Goldeneye** on Lake Ontario at Point Breeze. The goldeneye was most frequently seen off the east pier and, therefore, considered by many birders to be in Region 2, however;

it kindled a mild debate about the regional boundaries because Route 98 does not reach Point Breeze as indicated in the boundary definitions in *The Kingbird*.

Other than lingering waterfowl, the unseasonably mild weather did not result in increased numbers of “half-hardies” like the very mild weather in the previous winter. Despite warmer weather through the CBC season and into mid-January, there were no Gray Catbirds or Eastern Phoebes and only a few Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Hermit Thrushes, Winter Wrens, Fox Sparrows, and Field Sparrows like an “average” winter. Looking back, the unprecedented number of these species seen last winter may have had more to do with abnormal weather systems, e.g., Jet Stream irregularities and hurricane effects in autumn 2005, than just mild winter weather, as speculated by Edward Brinkley in “The Changing Seasons: Winter that Wasn’t,” *North American Birds*, Vol. 60, No. 2, 2006. Some interesting out-of-season birds did occur this winter. An **American Woodcock** heard by Terry Mosher on the morning of New Year’s Day resulted in only the second January record for that species. A **Virginia Rail** was found by Linda Holmes at Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, a location where the species has wintered irregularly before. Blackbirds, in several flocks of unprecedented numbers for January, were observed prior to the onset of freezing weather and seemed more like arrivals than departures. As Brinkley pointed out in the aforementioned article, it is getting tougher to determine how to use terms like half-hardy, lingerer, reverse migrant, and facultative migrant in these warm and unusual winters.

Both large and small gulls were found in good numbers on the Niagara River in December and through most of January. An estimated count of 15,000 Bonaparte’s Gulls on the Niagara River in Buffalo on 14 January was impressive for the date. The best gull find was the Niagara River’s second **Slaty-backed Gull**. The bird was found by the Cayuga Bird Club and seen by many above Niagara Falls on 2 December. The bird, considered to be in third-winter plumage, was reported several times over the next two weeks but eluded birders on most days in that span. The gull was always observed from the Canadian side of the river and was seen to approach or possibly cross into New York on 3 December. The record is included here because it is difficult to discern in the field where the international boundary lies above Niagara Falls, and it is a safe assumption that most of the gulls seen on the Niagara River are present on both sides at some time. Other notable gull sightings included one **Black-headed Gull** and the continued presence of the **California Gull** from the fall season. Jaegers are rarely seen in winter, so a **Pomarine Jaeger** in early December and two unidentified jaegers in early January observed near the source of the Niagara River were especially notable.

**Short-eared Owls** were reported from more locations than usual this winter. While this species is known to be declining, it is also likely overlooked in winter because little effort is made to search for them outside of traditional locations. Several of the birds at the Royalton location were fitted with transmitters as part of a NYSDEC tracking program. There have been fewer

reports of Snowy Owls in recent years, but it was still unusual to have no reports this year.

Finch numbers were very low, as was expected after a fall season with few sightings and reports of bountiful cone crops to the north in Ontario. There were only single reports of one Pine Siskin and one Evening Grosbeak and just a few scattered reports of Purple Finches.

Besides the Slaty-backed Gull, the biggest rarities included Razorbill and Varied Thrush. The **Razorbill** continued at the mouth of the Niagara River off Fort Niagara State Park from late November until last seen on 7 January. Many birders were able to see this very rare inland alcid although it remained elusive during most of its stay. A **Varied Thrush** visited the home of Bob and Joan Barry in Cambria during the period 1-15 February. It represented the 12th sighting for the Region and second consecutive winter for this species.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua Lake, CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on NR, Lewiston, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, E Aurora, ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; Tiff NP – Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora State Park, NIAG.

**WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES**  
**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED**  
**GOOSE:** 4 Olcott NIAG 24 Dec (JP);  
TWMA 7 Jan (PY), very rare in winter.

**Snow Goose:** Orchard Park ERIE 30 Dec;  
1, 2 Dayton CATT 31 Dec, 7 Jan; Porter  
NIAG 6 Jan; max 400 INWR 7 Jan (PY),  
record winter count.

**CAKCLING GOOSE:** Carlton ORLE 10 Dec (GC); INWR 27 Dec (JP); 4 INWR, 1 TWMA 7 Jan (PY!); INWR 18 Jan (WW!), only two previous Jan records.  
**Mute Swan:** Beaver Meadow CBC 16 Dec, unusual location; 20 Pt Breeze ORLE 7 Jan (S&TO), record regional count; 4 WTSP 7 Jan.  
**Trumpeter Swan:** Allegheny Res CATT 28 Jan (TB!), tagged.  
**Tundra Swan:** 20 Dayton CATT 6 Dec; 180 BeSP 14, 21 Dec (DS), traditional wintering area on NR; 17 Celeron ChauL 14 Dec; 59 N Harmony CHAU 14 Dec; max 500 Beaver Meadow CBC 16 Dec; 9 INWR 27 Dec; 31 INWR 8 Jan; 47 Buffalo NR 11 Jan; 2 Findley L CHAU 14 Jan; 15 Pomfret CHAU 5 Feb.  
**Wood Duck:** 2 Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; 2 Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; 2 SPNS 30 Dec; no reports beyond Dec.  
**Gadwall:** 12 Celeron ChauL 14 Dec; 2 Tifft NP 28 Dec; 10 INWR 7 Jan; max 28 NF 11 Jan; 6 Tonawanda NR ERIE 24 Feb.  
**Am. Black Duck:** max 48 Dayton CATT 31 Dec.  
**N. Shoveler:** max 150 BWWTP 3 Dec; 40 Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; BWWTP 18 Jan (WW); 4 Wilson NIAG 19 Jan (BE), only reports beyond Dec.  
**N. Pintail:** 7 OOWMA 16 Dec; 2 Tifft NP 16 Dec; 15 INWR 27 Dec; Orchard Park ERIE 30 Dec; max 20 Dayton CATT 31 Dec.  
**Green-winged Teal:** 9 Bethany GENE 8 Dec (DB); 2 INWR 27 Dec (JP); DH 17 Jan (TM), only reports.  
**Redhead:** max 458 Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; 265 Tonawanda NR 21 Feb.  
**Canvasback:** 6 BWWTP 3 Dec; max 12500 BeSP 21 Jan (JL, BBu).  
**Ring-necked Duck:** 50 BuSP 19 Dec, good count for date; 11 Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec, good count for location and date; Tifft NP 5 Jan; Tonawanda NR ERIE 10 Feb.  
**G. Scaup:** leucistic f BuSP 10 Feb (JL, WW).  
**Lesser Scaup:** 2 BWWTP 24 Dec; 2 DH 9 Jan – 18 Feb; 20 BeSP 2 Feb; max 130 Tonawanda NR ERIE 8 Feb (JP); 100 Tonawanda NR ERIE 21 Feb (JP).  
**Harlequin Duck:** ad m DH thru 23 Dec (DN, mob), continued from fall.  
**Surf Scoter:** Barcelona CHAU 14 Dec; Tonawanda NR ERIE 8-21 Feb; max 13 DH

23 Feb (DN), good count for location and date.  
**Black Scoter:** Barcelona CHAU 14 Dec; DH 18, 23 Feb; only reports.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** Conewango CATT 14 Jan (TB), unusual location.  
**Com. Goldeneye:** 350 & 700 Celeron ChauL 14 & 21 Dec (DN), good inland counts.  
**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE:** m Point Breeze ORLE 29 Dec (BK!), less than annual, same bird found by Fox on 9 Dec on “Reg 2 side” and seen thru.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 512 Celeron ChauL 14 Dec (DN); 34 Tonawanda NR 3-24 Feb.  
**Com. Merganser:** 150 BWWTP 3 Dec (KF), good count for location; 87 Dayton CATT 6 Dec; 1500 Celeron ChauL 14 Dec (DN); max 6000 DH 27 Jan (DN).  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** grounded Darien GENE 16 Feb (KF), rescued and released.  
**Ruddy Duck:** max 50 & 35 BWWTP 3 & 24 Dec; 15 Dayton CATT 15 Dec; 2 DH 11 Dec – 20 Jan; 5 Buffalo NR 5 Jan; 5 BWWTP 18 Jan (WW); BuSP 9 Feb; Tonawanda NR 10 Feb.  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** max 22 Porter NIAG 20 Feb (VR), good count for one group.  
**Red-throated Loon:** 2 Somerset NIAG 3 Jan; 10 & 2 GHSP 4 & 7 Jan; Yates ORLE 20 Feb (JP); only reports beyond Dec.  
**Com. Loon:** Grand I NR 6 Jan; DH 27 Jan – 18 Feb; only reports past Dec.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 14 DH 27 Jan (DN); 2 BuSP 14 Jan (DS).  
**Horned Grebe:** max 17 Somerset NIAG 3 Jan; 12 max DH 11-23 Feb.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** 1-2 DH 18-27 Feb; grounded AISP 24 Feb (TL), rescued and released.  
**EARED GREBE:** DH 9, 10 Dec (DN, JG), increased reports in recent winters.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** Strawberry I NR 1 Jan; Tifft NP 5 Jan; 15 Tonawanda NR 11 Feb; max 86 DH 18 Feb.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 16 DH 11 Dec; max 61 Motor I NR 21 Feb (WW).  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 24 Buffalo NR 1 Jan (D&DS), along Black Rock Canal, excellent winter count; 1, 2 Tonawanda NR 8, 10 Feb; only report.  
**Turkey Vulture:** Scio CBC 16 Dec; Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; Hamburg CBC 30

Dec; Batavia GENE 10 Feb (KF), only reports.

#### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Bald Eagle:** max 13 Allegheny Res CATT 28 Dec (TB); well reported from other traditional wintering and breeding areas.

**N. Goshawk:** Beaver Meadow CBC 17 Dec; FNSP 29 Dec; only reports.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** St. Bonaventure CBC 16 Dec, only report.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 10 Dayton CATT 20 Jan (DN).

**Merlin:** max 4 SUNY Buffalo campus ERIE thru (PY1), traditional winter roost; Cheektowaga ERIE 7 Dec; Leon CATT 10 Dec (MD, TB); Jamestown CBC 17 Dec.

**Peregrine Falcon:** DH 9, 17 Jan; 2-3 Buffalo NR 27 Jan (WD); 2 BuSP 1 Feb; Dayton CATT 3 Feb (DN).

**VIRGINIA RAIL:** SPNS 31 Jan (LH), has wintered at this location before.

**Am. Coot:** max 482 Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; 9 BuSP 2 Jan; Allegany CATT 14 Jan, unusual location for date; 4 Tonawanda NR ERIE 8 Feb; 26 DH 18 Feb, max beyond Dec.

**Killdeer:** DH 7 Dec; 3 Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; arr Rushford ALLE 28 Feb (LW).

**Purple Sandpiper:** 2, 3, 2 NF 3, 17 Dec, 28 Jan (PY), only reports.

**Am. Woodcock:** Pomfret CHAU 1 Jan (TM!), second regional Jan record.

**POMARINE JAEGER:** Buffalo NR 3 Dec (AW, KO), viewed from Canadian side to cross river, winter reports very rare.

**jaeger species:** 2 Buffalo NR 6 Jan (MJ), Jan reports rare.

**Little Gull:** max 5 Lewiston NR 21 Jan (GC).

**BLACK-HEADED GULL:** ad FNSP 3 Dec (BBr), only report.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 15,000 Buffalo NR 14 Jan (D&DS).

**CALIFORNIA GULL:** ad NPP 30, 31 Dec, 6, 14 Jan (WD, WW), assumed same bird from fall.

**Thayer's Gull:** a few reports NPP, NF; all sightings considered "probable" due to identification difficulties.

**Iceland Gull:** max 6, 6 NF 31 Dec, 21 Jan; 2 Wilson NIAG 28 Jan; Point Breeze ORLE 3 Feb; Tonawanda NR ERIE 8 Feb; only reports away from NR.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 8 NF 31 Dec (WD); BeSP 19 Jan.

**SLATY-BACKED GULL:** NF 2, 3 Dec (KM, WD!), several unconfirmed reports through 13 Dec, was seen on Canadian side but likely crossed into NY, second record for NR.

**Glaucous Gull:** FMCSP 14 Jan; max 5 NF 21 Jan; DH 18, 23 Feb.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 4 BWWTP 24 Dec (KF), good inland count.

**Black-legged Kittiwake:** juv NPP 30, 31 Dec (JP, RS, BP), only reports.

**RAZORBILL:** FNSP thru 7 Jan (WD, mob), continued from late Nov.

#### PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

**Snowy Owl:** no reports.

**Long-eared Owl:** 5, 5, 2 GHSP 3, 11, 25 Feb (WD); only reports.

**Short-eared Owl:** max 10, 6 Porter NIAG 5 Dec, 20 Jan (DS; BBr); 4 Royalton NIAG 15 Dec (GL); 4 Shelby ORLE 14 Jan (PY); Grand I ERIE 20 Jan (D&DS); 4 Yates ORLE 21 Jan (DS); Carlton ORLE 19 Feb (S&TO); 2 Wheatfield NIAG 27 Feb (DR); more locations than recent winters but still mostly in traditional wintering area.

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** banded Wethersfield WYOM 16 Dec (DJ); Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; Ellery CHAU 18 Dec (JL).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** LBSP 10 Dec, 6 Jan, 20 Feb (GC, JP); Beaver Meadow CBC 17 Dec; only reports.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** NF 6 Jan (S&TO); Bethany GENE 26 Jan – 18 Feb (DB); only reports.

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**N. Shrike:** well reported in Dec and Jan.

**Com. Raven:** 3 Ellery CHAU 7 Dec; 2 Java WYOM 31 Dec; only reports outside of CATT or ALLE.

**Horned Lark:** max 240 Wilson NIAG 11 Feb; 153 Bethany GENE 15 Feb (DB).

**Carolina Wren:** moderate number of reports.

**Winter Wren:** Hanover CHAU 16 Dec; Newfane NIAG 23 Dec; Porter NIAG 29 Dec; no reports beyond Dec.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** TBNP 28 Dec (RS), only report.

**E. Bluebird:** max 10 Allegany CATT 16 Dec.

**Hermit Thrush:** FMCSF 29 Dec; GHSP 4 Jan; only reports.

**Am. Robin:** arr Brant ERIE 17 Feb.

**VARIED THRUSH:** Cambria NIAG 1-15 Feb (B&JB; GR, JL, mob), 12<sup>th</sup> regional sighting.

**N. Mockingbird:** Tift NP 16,28 Dec; Tonawanda ERIE 17 Dec, 23 Jan; Bethany GENE 30 Dec, 13 Jan; only reports away from NIAG.

#### WARBLERS

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 2 INWR 27 Dec; 3 Porter NIAG 29 Dec; only reports.

#### TANAGERS – WEAVERS

**E. Towhee:** Grand Island ERIE 3 Feb (BKr), only report.

**Am. Tree Sparrow:** max 410 Wilson NIAG 15 Feb, large flock.

**Field Sparrow:** Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec, only report.

**Savannah Sparrow:** Newfane NIAG 13 Jan (WD), rare in winter.

**Fox Sparrow:** Wilson NIAG 4-7 Dec (BP, WD); Jamestown CBC 17 Dec; only reports.

**Swamp Sparrow:** max 6 TWMA 7 Jan.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 3 max Wilson NIAG 1 Dec thru 31 Jan; 8 Porter NIAG 29 Dec; 3 max Houghton ALLE 21 Jan thru;

35 Bethany GENE 20 Feb (ED), good winter count.

**Lapland Longspur:** 50 Wilson 14 Jan (WD, BP); max 58 Somerset NIAG 11 Feb (WD).

**Snow Bunting:** 146 BWWTP 16 Dec (WW); 160 Bethany GENE 15 Feb (DB); 120 Wilson NIAG 11 Feb; 70 Farmersville CATT 25 Feb; max 200 Somerset NIAG 25 Feb (PY).

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 9 Porter NIAG 29 Dec; 13 Jan (WD); max 150 Hartland NIAG 13 Jan (WD); 115 Newfane NIAG 13 Jan (WD), very high numbers for Jan; arr 23 FMCSF 18 Feb.

**E. Meadowlark:** FNNSP 18 Jan (DS), rare in winter.

**Com. Grackle:** Tonawanda ERIE 21 Dec; arr Tonawanda ERIE 28 Feb.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 2 Bethany GENE 28 Dec; max 158 Wilson NIAG 2 Jan (MG), good count for Jan; 150 Hartland NIAG 13 Jan (WD); 3 Grand I ERIE 25 Jan; Silver Creek CHAU 29 Jan; Colden ERIE 10 Feb; arr 25 Houghton ALLE 14 Feb.

**Purple Finch:** 19 Pomfret CHAU 5-8 Feb (TM); few reports; low numbers on CBCs.

**Pine Siskin:** Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec, only report.

**Evening Grosbeak:** Beaver Meadow CBC 16 Dec, only report.



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The winter season was split almost exactly down the middle weather-wise; the first half very mild, the second half absolutely brutal at times. This was definitely reflected in the reports of half-hardy species. December was the warmest on record, with an average of 39.0°F, 9.6° above normal. Precipitation of 3.03" was 0.30" less than normal which was hardly significant. But what was significant was the snowfall total of 4.3", 25.8" below normal. This was

undoubtedly helpful to land birds but made it almost impossible to find any concentrations. January averaged 30.0°F, 6° above normal. The first two weeks of the month actually averaged 16° above normal. Unfortunately the first two weeks also were more often than not cloudy and rainy and therefore not very birdable. Precipitation was 4.25", 1.91" above normal. Snowfall was 30.2", 4.4" above normal. Almost all of this fell in the second half of the month, again making for not very birdable conditions. February was the coldest in 14 years and the snowiest in 47. Temperatures averaged 20.3°F, 5° below normal. Precipitation was 2.09", 0.05" above normal. Snowfall was 46.5", 24.3" above average. Wind usually is not discussed in these pages, but February was incredibly windy. It seemed that every day had winds in the 15-25 M.P.H. or higher range. February was truly brutal and made for some of the toughest birding this area has probably ever seen.

The three area Christmas Bird Counts were about average. Letchworth-Silver Lake had 84 species, the Little Lakes 86, and Rochester 102 species, with 1, 4, and 9 of these, respectively found only during the count week. The Rochester total is the second highest ever for the count. This total was aided greatly by several rarities that had been found prior to count day. Both the Rochester and Little Lakes counts were hurt by rather dreary weather, but the Letchworth count was aided by fair weather. There were a few record high counts set, but only a few of these were really unexpected given recent trends and the warm fall and early winter. The NYS Waterfowl Count produced nothing of note, and the numbers were relatively low owing to the open conditions and poor weather.

Waterfowl numbers were generally good. The ever increasing Cackling Goose was well reported. The total of 31 noted for the season was made with an attempt to eliminate any duplication in reports. Mute Swan numbers continue to be out of control. Trumpeter Swan may not be very far behind, with a count of 56 made by the Spahns in one area in the Wayne County part of the Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex. Puddle ducks lingered in good numbers through mid-winter, obviously aided by the open conditions. Diving ducks are what really made headlines. A **Tufted x Ring-necked Duck** hybrid at Sodus Bay found by Dave Tetlow and Mike Davids was a rarely reported combination for North America. **Barrow's Goldeneye** reports were too numerous to list individually. A whopping total of at least six different birds were reported, certainly a record for Region 2. This didn't even include a returning **Barrow's x Common Goldeneye** hybrid from Sodus Bay. Is this a population spike or just an anomaly? Only time will tell. Red-throated Loon and Red-necked Grebe numbers were excellent for winter. Red-throated Loons will clearly linger during milder winters, but what of Red-necked Grebes? They obviously winter in large numbers on Lake Ontario every year, but in some years are more easily observed. Why this is remains to be determined. Double-crested Cormorants were also in well above average numbers for much the same reason. A good

Great Blue Heron count was made at the Caledonia Fish Hatchery, but elsewhere they were oddly somewhat hard to find.

Raptors were highlighted by the usual suspects. A count of 42 Turkey Vultures was reported from Bergen by Steve Maley. Vultures were reported from all corners of the Region. Two each of Northern Goshawk and Red-shouldered Hawk were reported, which basically is average for the winter. Ten Merlin reports were lower than recent winters but still were well above historical numbers.

Three Virginia Rails were located near the spring-fed areas of Mendon Ponds Park. Hearing them call in mid-winter is always a treat. A flock of 780 American Coot at Irondequoit Bay must have been a pretty sight. Large flocks used to occur at Sodus Bay as well but have not been had there in many years. **Sandhill Cranes** have become almost expected in winter in recent years, but nine in Savannah in December was incredible. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues with their population increasing in the east and moderate winters becoming more common. Shorebirds should have been more abundant in the early winter but were surprisingly few and far between. Purple Sandpipers seem to be becoming more common in December than in November, an odd trend. Up to three were reported from Irondequoit Bay in December. American Woodcock was again found in Bergen Swamp. They undoubtedly winter in there every year. They are an abundant breeder in the swamp, and there are extensive spring-fed areas through-out. **Pomarine Jaeger** may very well be another regular winter resident in the Region. One was seen at Hamlin Beach in January for the second year in a row. Increased observer effort appears to be the key to seeing this species. Of course, this is typically the key to seeing any less common species. Gulls produced a few reports of note. A maximum of ten Iceland Gulls in Perinton was a good count, as was a record count of six Lesser Black-backed Gulls at the same location. **Black-legged Kittiwake** was again seen at Hamlin Beach in January. They seem to hang in there as long as it is relatively mild.

Only one Snowy Owl for the season was a disappointment, but at least it was a long-staying, cooperative bird. Short-eared Owls were found at multiple locations throughout the Region. Northern Saw-whet Owls were found at several unusual locations, possibly staying further north than usual due to the mild weather. Bill Symonds found as many as seven Red-headed Woodpeckers at Hamlin Beach SP in February. This is certainly good news, as they appear to have been extirpated from much of the Nations Road area. Northern Shrikes were reported in good numbers through about mid-winter but were scarce thereafter. A high count of 15 Common Ravens was tallied in Livingston County. This species is becoming downright common in this area, the question is why?

Half-hardy species made news in two ways. In one respect, the level of quality was high and the variety excellent. On the other hand, the more regular half-hardies were hard to find and in poor numbers. First winter records were



had for the following three species: **Blue-headed Vireo** found by Brad Carlson at Hamlin Beach, **Black-throated Blue Warbler** found by Mike Davids and Dave Tetlow at Hamlin Beach, and **Clay-colored Sparrow** found by Bob Spahn in Parma. Add to these a Pine Warbler, an **Ovenbird**, and three Common Yellowthroats in one location and you have an impressive winter list. Sparrows in general were well represented. There were numerous Eastern Towhees, Field Sparrows, and Savannah Sparrows reported. Am. Tree Sparrow was everywhere with flocks of a hundred or more regular. But of course, the other star sparrow of the season was a long-staying **Harris's Sparrow** at Gerry Leubner's back yard feeding station. This was the second Harris's Sparrow for his yard, the other being 35 years ago. Thanks to the Leubners' hospitality, approximately 100 people got to enjoy this bird. One other half-hardy was a **Baltimore Oriole** visiting a suet feeder in Spencerport that undoubtedly perished when the weather turned in mid-January. Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, and Winter Wren were dirt common last year, but extremely hard to find this year. This is hard to explain when one looks at the quantity and quality listed above. What exactly causes these swings in numbers and quality from year to year is not always as easy to figure out as one might think. There is more intense winter birding coverage now than ever before, so hopefully some answers will be forthcoming in the near future. In the last but not least category of quality goes a male **Brewer's Blackbird** found by Mike Davids and Dave Tetlow in Geneseo for a fourth winter record.

Newsflash: The impending winter finch invasion is a bust. Despite a good cone crop locally, reports were few and far between. Unfortunately the birds appeared to have stayed north due to the cone crop there being even better. Maybe next time will be our turn.

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BB - Braddock Bay, MONR; C - Caledonia Fish Hatchery, LIVI; DEP - Durand-Eastman Park, MONR; G - Greece, MONR; GE - Geneseo, LIVI; H - T of Hamlin, MONR; HB - Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HE -T Henrietta, MONR; HP - Hogan Point, MONR; HL - Honeoye Lake, ONTA; I - Irondequoit, MONR; IB - Irondequoit Bay, MONR; K - T. Kendall, ORLE; LLCBC - Conesus-Hemlock or Little Lakes CBC; LSLCBC - Letchworth-Silver lake CBC; M - Manitou, MONR; P - T of Parma, MONR; PB - Point Breeze, ORLE; PE - Perinton, MONR; R - City of Rochester, MONR; S - T of Savannah, WAYN; SB - Sodus Bay, WAYN.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Snow Goose:** max 26,500 S 31 Dec (BG, RS).

**Cackling Goose:** 31 reports for season, several locations.

**Mute Swan:** max 351 Rochester CBC 17 Dec.

**Tundra Swan:** max 250 S 22 Dec.

**Trumpeter Swan:** 16 SB 22 Dec; 34 S 31 Dec.; max 56 S 3 Jan (R, S, & CS).

**Gadwall:** max 93 IB 20 Dec (R & CS).

**N. Shoveler:** max 9 G 1-19 Dec (DT); 5 reports for Jan, several locations.

**N. Pintail:** max 16 HB 20-28 Dec (WS).

**Green-winged Teal:** 4 reports for Jan, several locations.

**Redhead:** max 4000 off I 11-17 Jan (RS).

### TUFTED DUCK x RING-NECKED

**DUCK:** 1 SB 2 Feb (DT, MD), rare hybrid for N.A.

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 125 BB 11-13 Jan (KG, MD).

### BARROW'S x COMMON

**GOLDENEYE:** 1 m SB 23 Jan.-28 Feb (DT, MD).

**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE:** 1 m PB 9 Dec-28 Feb (K & JF, mob); 1 m HB 2 Dec (WS, MD, KG); 1 f HB 28-30 Dec (WS, DS); 1 m, 1 f SB 23-31 Jan (DT,MD); 2 f

SB 2 Feb (DT, MD); unprecedented number of reports.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 223 Conesus Lake LIVI 30 Dec (LLCBC).

**Ruddy Duck:** max 79 Silver Lake, WYOM 16 Dec (LSLCBC).

**Red-throated Loon:** max 861 HB 6 Dec (WS, RS); 40 HB 7 Jan (WS), good count for Jan.

**Red-necked Grebe:** max 173 HB 23 Dec (WS, MD); 17 HB 21 Feb (WS), good count for Feb.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 40 BB-SB 1-31 Jan (DT, MD).

**Great Blue Heron:** 43 C 7 Jan (DT, MD).

**Turkey Vulture:** max 42 Bergen GENE 30 Dec (SM).

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**N. Goshawk:** 1 ad G 12 Jan (KG); 1 ad Nunda LIVI 21 Jan (DT, MD, KF).

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1 imm Rattlesnake Hill LIVI 21 Jan (DT, MD, KF); 1 ad Avon 28 Jan (DT, MD).

**Merlin:** 10 reports for season, several locations.

**Virginia Rail:** 3 Mendon Ponds Park MONR 22 Jan (DT, MD).

**Am. Coot:** max 780 IB 13 Jan (JB, RS).

**SANDHILL CRANE:** 9 S 3 Dec (TL); 1 S 31 Dec (RS); 1 S 3 Jan (DT); rare winter reports.  
**Killdeer:** 1 HE 1 Jan (KG).  
**Purple Sandpiper:** 1-3 IB 1-17 Dec.  
**Wilson's Snipe:** 1 C 17 Jan (DT, MD).  
**Am. Woodcock:** 1 Bergen Swamp GENE 12 Jan (DT, MD).  
**Pomarine Jaeger:** 1HB 7 Jan (DT).  
**Thayer's Gull:** 1 imm PB 2 Jan (MD, DT).  
**Iceland Gull:** max 10 PE 11 Dec (MT).  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 6 PE 22 Jan (DT, MD).  
**BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** 1 HB 14 Jan (DT), rare winter report.

#### PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

**Snowy Owl:** 1 SB all season (RS, *et al*).  
**Short-eared Owl:** 1-15 Lima LIVI 1-31 Dec.  
**N. Saw-whet Owl:** 1 M 4 Dec (MF); 3 HL 30 Dec (LLCBC); 1 S 31 Dec (RS, BG); 1 R 5 Jan. (TH).  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** max 7 HB 1 Feb (WS), increasingly rare.

#### FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

**E. Phoebe:** 1 G 17 Dec (PM); 2 HL 30 Dec (RS); 1 C 29 Jan. (KG).  
**N. Shrike:** 25 reports total Jan, several locations.  
**BLUE-HEADED VIREO:** 1 HB 3-4 Dec (BC, GC, DS, *et al*), 1<sup>st</sup> regional winter record.  
**Com. Raven:** max 15 LIVI 21 Jan (DT, MD, KF).  
**Carolina Wren:** max 14 Rochester CBC 17 Dec; max 27 LLCBC 30 Dec; high counts.  
**Marsh Wren:** 1 Turning Point Park MONR 1-11 Jan (RS, *et al*), only report.  
**VARIED THRUSH:** 1 Penfield MONR 18 Dec thru (RF, mob).  
**Gray Catbird:** 1 G 27 Feb, only report.  
**Bohemian Waxwing:** 1 Webster Park MONR 27 Dec, only report.

#### WARBLERS

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 1 HB 1-2 Dec (DT, MD), 1<sup>st</sup> regional winter record.  
**Pine Warbler:** 1 HB 30 Dec. – 16 Jan (mob), rare winter record.  
**OVENBIRD:** 1 I 19 Dec. – 25 Jan. (JK *et al*), very rare winter record.  
**Com. Yellowthroat:** 3 DEP 8 Dec (DT, MD), high count.

#### TANAGERS – WEAVERS

**E. Towhee:** 3 reports for season, several locations.  
**Am. Tree Sparrow:** max 600+ Nunda 21 Jan (DT, MD, KF), best of many good counts.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** 1 P 24 Dec – 3 Feb, only reports.  
**CLAY COLORED SPARROW:** 1 first winter P 17 Dec – 2 Jan (RS, mob), first regional winter record.  
**Field Sparrow:** 9 rep 16-31 Dec; 1 Webster MONR 1 Jan; 1 P 3 Feb.; very good total.  
**Savannah Sparrow:** max 5 LIVI 20-29 Jan (DT, MD, JK); 2 LIVI 1, 19 Feb; good total.  
**HARRIS'S SPARROW:** 1 imm I 1 Dec thru (GL, mob).  
**Lapland Longspur:** max 120 H 14 Jan; max 120 K 17 Jan.  
**Snow Bunting:** max 1200 Pavilion WYOM 1 Feb.  
**E. Meadowlark:** 4 A 25-31 Jan (DT, *et al*).  
**BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** 1 m Geneseo LIVI 17 Jan (DT, MD), 4<sup>th</sup> regional winter record.  
**Com. Grackle:** max 34 Honeoye Falls MONR 11 Feb, good pre-migration total.  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLE:** 1 f Spencerport MONR 9 Dec – 14 Jan (KF *et al*), very rare winter record.  
**Pine Grosbeak:** 1 HP 18 Dec, only report.  
**White-winged Crossbill:** 3 DEP 6 Jan, only report.  
**Com. Redpoll:** 3 G 20 Jan, only report.  
**Pine Siskin:** 3 HB 13 Jan, only report.

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## REGION 3 – FINGER LAKES REGION

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The first half of winter 2006-2007 and the second half were as different as could be. Average temperatures at Ithaca in December were 8°F above average and 4°F above freezing. Daily highs in the first nine days of January varied between 41°F and 62°F, and the thermometer reached the upper 40s a couple of days the following week. Temperatures then dropped sharply from 48°F to the low 20s on 16 January and an inch of snow fell. Temperatures remained so low through the end of February that there was continual snow cover from 16 January on. Snow depth gradually built up to 7" by 29 January and then varied between 4 and 6" until 16.8" fell 14-15 February. A foot of snow was still on the ground at the end of February. The average temperature in February was 16.4°F, 7.1 F° less than normal.

With winter barely discernible through the middle of January, large numbers of waterfowl lingered in the Region. An estimated 100,000 Snow Geese were at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge 3 January. At least one Ross's Goose was among the Snow Geese then and for at least the week following. Also present on the Main Pool were thousands of Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, and more than one hundred Ruddy Ducks. A Greater White-fronted Goose and Cackling Geese were present in early December. These and lingering Wood Ducks, Green-winged Teal, and even Blue-winged Teal could be attributed to the mild weather. When the weather did turn cold, a small but unusually diverse number of diving ducks chose to take advantage of the turbulent and therefore open water downstream from the dam in downtown Elmira.

An amazing 24 Turkey Vultures were still in Lansing in late December. Thirteen Bald Eagles took advantage of the open water to linger at Montezuma to mid-January and 9 Sandhill Cranes were reliably in the Savannah Mucklands until the change in the weather.

A Dunlin and a woodcock were the only lingering sandpipers. A few Bonaparte's Gulls visited the Region in addition to visiting northern gull species—Iceland, Glaucous, and Lesser Black-backed.

A *Selasphorus* hummingbird visited a Dryden feeder just one day in mid-December, long enough to be verified by Kevin McGowan. Several unexpected insectivores also lingered through the balmy beginning of winter. Steve Fast found a House Wren in Dryden. Tom Johnson spotted a flock of American Pipits at Cornell University, and a few others wintered along the Chemung River in downtown Elmira.

Additionally, three species of warblers surprised their finders. Ken Rosenberg found a Yellow Warbler in December and January near a busy

shopping area in Ithaca. Bill Baker found a Pine Warbler in Enfield and Jeff Gerbracht, one in Dryden. Gary Kohlenberg found a Palm Warbler with a Yellow-rumped Warbler along Towpath Road in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex.

Not as surprising were lingering sparrows including Eastern Towhee, Savannah Sparrows, and a Fox Sparrow. Eastern Meadowlarks have been infrequent in recent winters, but were seen at Montezuma NWR through December, and another was spotted by various birders commuting over Mt. Pleasant in Dryden in late January. Finally, Bill McAneny reported a Baltimore Oriole in Covert in early January.

It was a memorable winter, both because of the unusual weather and because of the effect that the weather had on the birds.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

CU – Cornell University; ICBC – Ithaca CBC; MCBC – Montezuma CBC; MNWR – Montezuma NWR; MyPt – Myers Pt; SaMu – Savannah Mucklands SENE; SaW – Sapsucker Woods TOMP; StP - Stewart P TOMP.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

**GOOSE:** SaMu 3 Dec (TL).

**Snow Goose:** max 100,000 MNWR  
3 Jan (R&SS).

**ROSS'S GOOSE:** MCBC 31 Dec (MCBC);  
MNWR 7 Jan (MA, CM).

**CAKCLING GOOSE:** SaW 1 Dec (SKe);  
max 2 StP 1 Jan (CW); Dean's Cove State  
Marine P 10 Feb (BoM).

**Mute Swan:** Geneva CBC 17 Dec; max 4  
Cayuga 23 Feb; East Shore P TOMP 27 Feb.

**Trumpeter Swan:** max 15 MNWR 21 Jan  
(RD), high.

**Wood Duck:** StP Dec 9; Cecil A. Malone  
Drive Bridge TOMP 23 Dec (BoM); Owasco  
L 28 Feb.

**Mallard:** max 1257 SaMu 31 Dec, low.

**BLUE-WINGED TEAL:** MCBC 31 Dec  
(MCBC); Champlin Beach STEU 10 Feb  
(BBY, BO!, DSo, ph).

**Green-winged Teal:** MCBC 31; max 2  
Union Springs Mill Pd CAYU 9 Jan (CW);  
Dec MyPt 23 Jan.

**Canvasback:** max 15000 MNWR  
3 Jan (R&SS).

**Redhead:** max 10000 MNWR  
3 Jan (R&SS).

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 2500 MNWR  
3 Jan (R&SS).

**Greater Scaup:** max 1500 Farley's Pt  
CAYU 17 Feb (TL), high.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 7 East Shore P  
TOMP 24 Feb (JMc), high.

**Black Scoter:** max 4 Aurora Bay CAYU 21  
Jan (RD), high, only report.

**Ruddy Duck:** max 118 MNWR 1 Jan  
(DNI), high.

**Red-throated Loon:** StP 3 Dec (KR);  
max 7 Summerhill State Forest CAYU 3  
Dec (St&SuF), high; last ICBC 1 Jan  
(CaBC), late.

**PACIFIC LOON:** Town of Ovid P SENE 2  
Dec (KR!).

**Red-necked Grebe:** MyPt 23 Jan; max 2  
Keuka L 10 Feb.

**EARED GREBE:** Willard 9 Dec (LL);  
Wells College Boathouse CAYU  
thru (mob).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 12  
MNWR 10 Feb (MMe), high.

**CATTLE EGRET:** MNWR 2 Dec (FM);  
Goose Haven Farm SENE 4 Dec (DNu).

**Turkey Vulture:** max 24 Lansing 27 Dec  
(DNu), high.

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Bald Eagle:** max 13 MNWR 12 Jan  
(RG), high.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** SaW thru.

**GOLDEN EAGLE:** Hammond Hill State  
Forest TOMP 29 Dec (AL); max 2 Mt.

Pleasant TOMP 1 Jan (NM); Stevenson  
Road Compost Piles TOMP 4 Feb (TJ).

**SANDHILL CRANE:** 9 SaMu thru 14 Jan  
(mob), high & late.

**DUNLIN:** MyPt 2 Dec (RD); Cayuga L  
3 Feb (MA, CW).

**AM. WOODCOCK:** Summerhill 16  
Dec (SKe).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** Cayuga L SP 10 Dec;  
max 4 Cayuga 10 Dec; Champlin Beach  
STEU 10 Feb.

### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Snowy Owl:** SaMu 3-4 Dec (Meena  
Haribal), only report.

**Long-eared Owl:** Summerhill State Forest  
CAYU 4 Jan; Tompkins County Airport  
7 Jan.

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** SaW 11 Dec; max 3  
Dryden 21 Feb; Van Etten 25 Feb.

**SELASPHORUS (Sp):** Dryden 15 Dec  
(Kevin McGowan).

**RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:** ICBC  
1 Jan (CaBC); Lansing 3 Jan (CW); Lansing  
6 Jan (RD).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** West Elmira Riverine Forest, CHEM 5 Dec; MCBC 31 Dec.

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**HOUSE WREN:** Dryden L Trail TOMP 21 Dec (StF).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** Summerhill 3 Dec; Ithaca 7 Jan (DNU); Ledyard 27 Jan.

**Hermit Thrush:** Dryden 16 Dec (BoM); CU 3 Feb.

**GRAY CATBIRD:** East Lawn Cemetery TOMP 2 Dec (TL); CU 1 Feb (BW); CU 7 Feb (JGe).

**AM. PIPIT:** max 15 CU 5 Feb (TJ), high; 4 Riverfront P CHEM 17 Feb (BO).

#### WARBLERS

**YELLOW WARBLER:** Ithaca Community Gardens TOMP 17 Dec (KR); Cayuga Inlet Relief Channel TOMP 7 Jan (KR).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** Portland Pt 1 Jan; Lettie Cook Memorial Forest CAYU 23 Feb.

**PINE WARBLER:** Enfield 27 Dec (BBa); Dryden 8 Feb (JGe).

**PALM WARBLER:** Montezuma Wetlands Complex SENE 21 Feb (GK).

#### TANAGERS - WEAVERS

**E. Towhee:** ICBC 1 Jan (CaBC); Dryden 6 Feb (JGe, CW).

**SAVANNAH SPARROW:** SaMu 9 Dec (SKe); Ledyard 27 Jan (TJ).

**FOX SPARROW:** Connecticut Hill TOMP 17 Dec (CW).

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 41 Mark Twain SP 12 Dec; arr SaW 26 Feb.

**E. Meadowlark:** MNWR 10 Dec; max 3 MNWR 24 Dec; Mt. Pleasant TOMP 26 Jan.

**Com. Grackle:** arr Mithcellsville 16 Feb; max 3 Horseheads 27 Feb.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 32 Seneca Castle ONTA 23 Jan; arr Van Etten 24 Feb.

**BALTIMORE ORIOLE:** Covert 4 Jan (BiM).



## **REGION 4 – SUSQUEHANNA**

[Report not received in time for publication]

## **REGION 5 - ONEIDA LAKE BASIN**

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The first half of the season was warmer than normal and temperatures were high enough to allow many wetlands to remain open. The second half of the season was colder than usual with a lot more snow than even this snow-hardened area expects. Area ponds froze in early December but reopened in several days with a warm trend that lasted until the middle of January. Oneida Lake did not freeze until 20 January. Even in northern Herkimer County lakes iced over and opened several times before finally freezing on 11 January, and snow didn't accumulate until 20 January.

The December average temperature was 37.4°F, 8.8° above normal, with 3.76" of precipitation, 0.64" above normal. In January the temperature averaged 27.2°, 4.5° above normal, with 4.2" of precipitation, 1.6" above normal. In February the average temperature was 18.5°, 6.0° below normal, with 2.49" of precipitation, 0.37" above normal. Snowfall at the Syracuse airport for February was 59.5" but snowfall north of there was in the 100-150" range.

There were several reports of Trumpeter Swans with wing tags across the Region. Tundra Swans remained on Oneida Lake for the January waterfowl census and some of them wintered at the west end of the lake after freeze-up, while others moved to open water on Onondaga Lake and the Seneca River. Through mid-January large numbers of waterfowl could be found at sites normally frozen in January, especially Sandy Pond and Oneida Lake, but also in small wetlands. Scoters and a King Eider could be found along the eastern shore of Lake Ontario as the shore line remained ice-free into February.

There were not as many Great Blue Herons and N. Harriers as might be expected in a winter that was relatively snow and ice free into late January. Bald Eagle was also difficult to find until freeze-up, when they became more common along open waterways. Tom Salo organized a raptor count in the southeastern Herkimer County towns of Stark and Warren, the site of a proposed wind power project, and found two regional winter rarities, Golden Eagle and Red-shouldered Hawk. Concentrations of Rough-legged Hawk did not develop until late January.

Shorebirds are uncommon here in the winter season, but this year Dunlin, Purple Sandpiper, and Am. Woodcock were all reported. The woodcock were



found in a wet area in late February and may have overwintered, as that month's weather had been not been favorable for migration. Early December cold fronts brought Pomarine Jaeger, Little Gull, and Black-legged Kittiwake to Derby Hill, but overall gull numbers were low through the season on the Oswego River. The Madison County landfill was the best place to find Iceland Gull until Oneida Lake froze and the gulls no longer had a short commute to open water.

All seven regular species of owls were seen over the season, although there was only one report each of Long-Eared and N. Saw-whet, and Short-eared was reported from only a single location. It was not a big invasion year for Snowy Owl.

In many winters our northern forests are very quiet, as common residents such as Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, both nuthatches, Brown Creeper, and Golden-crowned Kinglet leave in large numbers. That was not the case this year, as good food sources allowed many birds to remain this year. Horned Larks and Snow Buntings were elusive until the cold weather and snow in late January.

Half-hardies included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler, E. Towhee, and Chipping Sparrow. Gray Catbird was a mildly surprising miss for a winter with a mild beginning. Sparrow numbers were not especially high for an open winter, especially Song and White-throated. Several Fox and White-crowned sparrows along with Swamp Sparrows in Oswego County were all slightly north of their regular winter ranges.

Finches were mixed this season; most species were affected in some way by the abundant cone crop and other food sources. The cone crop probably had little effect on Evening Grosbeaks as they continue to decline. Pine Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls were able to stay to our north and were not reported. There were large flocks of Purple Finches in the Adirondacks, but they were scarce elsewhere. Red Crossbill was common in much of northern Herkimer County and also present in the highest elevations of southern Madison County. White-winged Crossbill and Pine Siskin were seen in much lower numbers and seemed to be restricted to the Adirondacks.

For the season, 127 species plus the introduced Trumpeter Swan were reported. That's just about average for what was initially a mild winter. Highlights included N. Shoveler, King Eider, Red-shouldered Hawk, Golden Eagle, Purple Sandpiper, Dunlin, Am. Woodcock, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, and Red Crossbill. Red-necked Grebe was about the only "expected" species not found. Other half-hardies such as Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, and E. Meadowlark were missed.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Bvllc – Baldwinsville; CM - Clay Marsh; DH - Derby Hill; FH - Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay and vicinity; Geo – Georgetown; HIWMA – Howland Island WMA; LOL - Lake Ontario Littoral; MCL – Madison County landfill, T Lenox; OneiL - Oneida Lake; OnonL - Onondaga Lake; SCH – T Schroepfel; SFNS - Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; SPd – Sandy Pond; SVB – Sylvan and Verona Beach; Syr – Syracuse.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Snow Goose:** max 5000 Clinton 7 Jan; widespread flocks to 50/day into Jan; Green Lakes SP 4 Feb, wintering.

**Brant:** last 9 Dewitt 16 Dec.

**Mute Swan:** max 13 FH 21 Jan.

**Trumpeter Swan:** 9 Syr CBC 16 Dec, (KM, BP); 8 Barneveld 1 Jan (CS); SCH 23 Feb, all wing-tagged.

**Tundra Swan:** max 121 OneiL 14 Jan; 20 Brewerton after 19 Jan; Feb reports OnonL & Bvllc.

**Wood Duck:** max 2 Syr 16 Dec; Green Lakes 20 Jan; last FH 23 Jan.

**Gadwall:** max 4 FH 28 Jan.

**Am. Wigeon:** max 4 DH 2 Dec; arr Phoenix 22 Feb.

**Am. Black Duck:** max 43 Marcellus 30 Dec.

**N. Shoveler:** 1 Utica Marsh 16 Dec (JK).

**N. Pintail:** max 3 Beaver L 31 Dec; totals 7 in Dec & 4 in Jan.

**Green-winged Teal:** max 9 Syr 16 Dec; last 4 Syr 20 Jan.

**Canvasback:** 4 SPd 7 Jan; max 18 OneiL 13 Jan.

**Redhead:** max 85 Bvllc 10 Feb.

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 16 OnonL 27 Jan.

**Greater Scaup:** max 791 OneiL Jan.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 1810 SPd 13 Jan.

**King Eider:** DH 4 Dec; e. shore LOL 5-13 Jan.

**Surf Scoter:** 2 e. shore LOL 6-13 Jan.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 118 DH 2 Jan.

**Black Scoter:** max 18 DH 2 Dec; 5 e. shore LOL 5 Jan.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 2225 DH 2 Dec, mostly southbound; 1791 LOL 13 Jan.

**Bufflehead:** max 62 FH 19 Dec.

**Com. Goldeneye:** 913 OneiL 13 Jan; max 934 LOL 14 Jan.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 53 Otisco L 20 Dec.

**Com. Merganser:** max 599 OneiL 13 Jan.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 240 LOL 14 Jan.

**Ruddy Duck:** max 19 Beaver L 31 Dec; last OnonL 27 Jan.

**Red-throated Loon:** last SPd 7 Jan.

**Com. Loon:** max 11 OneiL 13 Jan.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 3 OnonL 9 Dec; 2 per day Oswego R thru.

**Horned Grebe:** max 21 LOL 7 Jan.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 30 Oswego R 14 Jan.

**Great Blue Heron:** max 8 Syr CBC 16 Dec; few Jan-Feb.

**Turkey Vulture:** max 12 Dewitt 19 Dec; Oswego 29 Dec; MCL 17 Feb.

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Bald Eagle:** max 7 Oswego R 28 Jan.

**N. Harrier:** max 4 SVB 1 Jan; 2 other Jan reports & 1 in Feb.

**N. Goshawk:** Nelson Swamp 10 Dec; Marcy 16 Dec; W Winfield 20 Dec; Skan CBC 30 Dec.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** SFNS 20 Dec; Warren 7 Jan.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 8 SCH 19 Feb; 4 SVB 25 Feb; 3 Fabius 11 Feb.  
**Golden Eagle:** imm Stark 7 Jan (fide TS).  
**Am. Kestrel:** 1-2 per day, low numbers for open winter.  
**Merlin:** reports from 4 sites.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** pair courting Syr 24 Feb; single Utica thru.  
**Am. Coot:** max 3 OnonL & 3 Bville 20 Feb.  
**Purple Sandpiper:** max 4 DH 2 Dec; last Oswego 10 Dec.  
**Dunlin:** SPd 7 Jan, record late.  
**Am. Woodcock:** 2 Elbridge 25 Feb, wintered?  
**Pomarine Jaeger:** 2 DH 2 Dec.  
**Little Gull:** DH 4 Dec.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 40 DH 2 Dec; 11 SPd 7 Jan; 6 Oneil 13 Jan.  
**Iceland Gull:** max 5 MCL 15 Jan; to 3/day Oswego R after 1 Jan.  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** MCL 16 Jan (KM).  
**Glaucous Gull:** max 2 Oswego R in Feb; MCL 16 Jan.  
**Black-legged Kittiwake:** max 7 DH 2 Dec; DH 4 Dec.

#### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Snowy Owl:** Syr airport 16 Dec; Solvay 29 Dec; FH 1 Jan; Stark 7 Jan.  
**Long-eared Owl:** Liverpool 28 Feb, only report.  
**Short-eared Owl:** SVB to 12 Jan.  
**N. Saw-whet Owl:** W Winfield 6 Dec, only report.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** Clinton 22 Jan; Manlius 8 Feb.  
**N. Flicker:** max 9 HIWMA 31 Dec.

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**N. Shrike:** about 10-12 individuals for season.  
**Blue Jay:** *intro*.  
**Am. Crow:** max 6397 Syr 16 Dec.  
**Fish Crow:** max 12 Liverpool 11 Dec, doing well.  
**Com. Raven:** max 20 Geo 24 Feb.  
**Horned Lark:** max 80 Cato 28 Jan.  
**Black-capped Chickadee:** *intro*.  
**Boreal Chickadee:** 2 Old Forge 3 Jan (JB, KM).  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** *intro*.  
**White-breasted Nuthatch:** *intro*.

**Brown Creeper:** *intro*.  
**Carolina Wren:** max 4 Syr 16 Dec.  
**Winter Wren:** 2 Syr 16 Dec; max 3 CM 1 Jan; last Fayetteville 2 Feb.  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** *intro*.  
**E. Bluebird:** max 13 Fulton 17 Dec.  
**Hermit Thrush:** Syr 16 Dec; Rome 16 Dec.  
**Am. Robin:** max 170 T Onondaga 4 Jan.  
**Cedar Waxwing:** max 140 Bville 28 Jan.

#### WARBLERS

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** FH 23 Jan (KM).

#### TANAGER - WEAVER

**E. Towhee:** SFNS after 18 Jan (MP).  
**Am. Tree Sparrow:** below average on CBC's.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** Constantia 8 Dec (DB).  
**Fox Sparrow:** Dewitt 2 Dec; Pompey 1 Feb.  
**Song Sparrow:** 4 SVB 1 Jan, barely reported after that.  
**Swamp Sparrow:** 2 Syr 16 Dec; 2 Fulton to 7 Jan.  
**White-throated Sparrow:** 5-8 per day to late Jan.  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** Fulton 17 Dec; 2 Port Byron 4 Feb.  
**Lapland Longspur:** Smithville 25 Jan; Stockbridge 26 Jan.  
**Snow Bunting:** max 300 Stockbridge 26 Jan; all counts of 50+ came after 20 Jan.  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 18 Syr CBC 16 Dec; singles thru.  
**Rusty Blackbird:** 2 CM 29 Jan; 2 Lysander 1-19 Feb.  
**Com. Grackle:** max 10 Elbridge 8 Jan; singles to late Jan.  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 300 VB 24 Dec; 12 SFNS 26 Feb, possible early migrants.  
**Purple Finch:** widespread Adks, to 50 per day; 7 Pulaski 4 Feb thru, the max elsewhere.  
**Red Crossbill:** widespread Adks; max 68 North L Road 25 Feb; 30 Geo 12 Jan.  
**White-winged Crossbill:** 3 North L 25 Feb; 5 N Wilmurt 28 Feb.  
**Pine Siskin:** 9 Forestport 24 Feb; 4 North L 25 Feb.  
**Am. Goldfinch:** max 46 Erieville 12 Feb.  
**Evening Grosbeak:** 2 Rome 16 Dec; 25 Lenox 11 Jan; uncommon Adks.

## REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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Winter was divided into two periods of nearly equal duration: very mild weather that lasted until mid-January gave way to harsh winter conditions that remained through the end of February. Watertown's mean temperature for December of 35.4° F was 10.1° above normal, and similar balmy conditions persisted until 16 January, the date of the season's first sub-zero night. Despite colder weather late in the month, January's mean temperature of 22.9° was still 4.3° above normal. February was cold, with a mean temperature of 14.0° that was 6.4° below normal. Precipitation was above normal in December, when virtually all of Watertown's 5.4", 1.7" above normal, fell as rain; precipitation for the rest of the season was within one inch of normal. Watertown received just 13.2" of snow in January, but 74.5" in February. The Tug Hill received even heavier snowfall, especially during an intense period of lake effect snow between 5 and 10 February.

Open water that persisted through mid-January allowed many species of waterfowl and waterbirds to remain in northern New York longer than is typical. Perhaps the biggest surprise was a flock of approximately 20,000 Snow Geese a DEC officer directed Dave Prosser and Steve Guy to on the day of the statewide waterfowl count. This species is rarely encountered in Region 6 after early December, and such a large flock in January is unprecedented. Tundra Swans were also unusually common through late January, and the four Wood Ducks reports were more than in most years. Once again Nick Leone found the rarest ducks of the season, one Harlequin Duck and two Barrow's Goldeneye. Other waterbirds rarely reported in winter included a high count of 10 Common Loons on the St. Lawrence River in January, a Red-necked Grebe at Stony Point, and an American Coot at Pt. Peninsula.

In response to the potential for large-scale energy development in Cape Vincent, Gerry Smith conducted extensive raptor surveys there and on Pt. Peninsula throughout the winter. It turned out to be an exceptional winter for raptors in northern Jefferson County. Northern Harriers were present in Cape Vincent in high numbers during the mild portion of the winter, but moved out, at least some apparently to Pt. Peninsula, when the cold and snow settled in during late January. At about the same time large numbers of Rough-legged Hawks flooded into the Region, with daily counts reaching 80+ each in Cape Vincent and Pt. Peninsula. Most impressively, at least 100 Short-eared Owls wintered in these two towns. All of these species were found in much lower numbers elsewhere in Region 6, indicating the importance of northern Jefferson County for wintering raptors.

The winter's list of half-hardies was relatively long, but many of these species were represented by just one or two sightings, and most observers felt that fewer half-hardies were present than would be expected given the mild December. Surprisingly, a Marsh Wren that I pushed up on the Watertown Christmas Bird Count appears to be a first winter record for Region 6. Swamp Sparrow and Rusty Blackbird were also new species for that count. Other rare half-hardies included a Brown Thrasher that came to a Potsdam feeder for several weeks and a Fox Sparrow in Canton. Mid-winter reports of Wilson's Snipe and Belted Kingfisher in the northern Adirondacks, where typically the ground is covered by deep snow and open water is exceedingly scarce, are indicative of the unusual winter.

Finches were among the season's highlights, but were generally limited to the Adirondacks. Most finch reports for Region 6 came from the town of Colton (Boreal habitat is easier to access there than elsewhere in the Region.), where Joan Collins and others found Red Crossbills, Pine Siskins, and Purple Finches in good numbers. White-winged Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks were reported sporadically and in smaller numbers. Flyover crossbills of both species on Fort Drum and two pairs of Evening Grosbeaks on the Tug Hill represented the only reports of these finch species outside Adirondack Park.

I received reports of 104 species for the winter. Among the negatives not previously mentioned were very low numbers of gulls, including no reports of white-winged gulls, even from the usually reliable Moses-Saunders Dam area. It was also a poor year for Snowy Owls, although a banded owl Tom MacDonald had observed through the summer and fall of 2006 was relocated in the same area during January. Only three other Snowy Owls were reported, and none stuck around for any length of time. Aside from northern Jefferson County and the Adirondacks, birding in the Region was generally slow, or "spectacularly poor" as Nobi Ackerman described it on the day of the Massena-Cornwall Christmas Bird Count. The highlights of the season were the large numbers of hawks and especially Short-eared Owls in Cape Vincent and Pt. Peninsula, crossbills and other finches in the northern Adirondacks, and a few unusual half-hardies, particularly Marsh Wren and Brown Thrasher.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

BRB - Black River Bay; CV - Cape Vincent JEFF; FD - Fort Drum Military Reservation; FL - Fisher's Landing T Orleans JEFF; KC - Kelsey Creek T Watertown JEFF; LPd - Leonard Pond trail T Colton STLA; PiPt - Pillar Pt T Brownville JEFF; PtPen - Pt Peninsula T Lyme; RMSP - Robert Moses State Park T Massena STLA; SLR - St. Lawrence River; ULLWMA - Upper and Lower Lakes WMA T Canton STLA; WCBC - Watertown Christmas Bird Count.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Snow Goose:** max 20,000 Ellisburg WFC 13 Jan (DP, SG), rare in Jan.  
**Tundra Swan:** max 176 PtPen 9 Dec, departed late Jan.  
**Wood Duck:** Lyme 10 Dec (NL); Three Mile Bay 9 Dec (DB); Henderson 13 Jan (SG, DP); Watertown 31 Jan (NL), more than usual.  
**Gadwall:** max 200 CV 2 Feb.  
**Am. Wigeon:** 5 Pt. Salubrius 3 Dec; 2 CV 2 Feb.  
**Am. Black Duck:** max 320 L Ontario shoreline JEFF 2 Feb.  
**N. Pintail:** CV 21 Jan.  
**Canvasback:** max 100 CV 8 Dec.  
**Redhead:** max 1000-1500 CV 8 Dec.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 200 CV 8 Dec.  
**Greater Scaup:** max 4000 CV 8 Dec.  
**Lesser Scaup:** 6 CV 2 Feb, only report.  
**Harlequin Duck:** f BRB 5 Dec (NL); ad m CV 8 Dec (NL).  
**Long-tailed Duck:** max 76 L Ontario shoreline JEFF WFC.  
**Bufflehead:** 55 CV 10 Dec, good count; max 301 WFC 13 Jan.  
**Com. Goldeneye:** max 2435 WFC 13 Jan; 1500-2000 FL 28 Jan, good count.  
**Barrow's Goldeneye:** f FL 28 Jan (NL).  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 39 RMSP 3 Dec.  
**Com. Merganser:** max 672 SLR WFC 13 Jan.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 76 WFC 13 Jan.  
**Com. Loon:** max 13 WFC, high.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** 3 Dec reports; last SLR JEFF 14 Jan.  
**Horned Grebe:** max 3 PiPt 20 Dec and L Ontario shoreline WFC 13 Jan, scarce.

**Red-necked Grebe:** Stony Pt. 12 Dec, only report (DP).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 6 SLR Massena WFC.

**Great Blue Heron:** 8 reports Dec; Hounsfield 7 Jan; FD 23 Jan.

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**N. Harrier:** 15 per day CV early Dec increased to 25-35 per day mid Jan, then declined to 2-5 per day by late Jan; 10-20 per day PtPen late Jan thru.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max 2 Rutland 13 Feb, scarce.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 10 reports.

**N. Goshawk:** Colton 14 Dec, only report.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 9-15 per day CV.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** 15-25 per day each CV and PtPen Dec increased to 35-85 per day late Jan thru (GS); similar pattern of occurrence elsewhere in smaller numbers.

**Golden Eagle:** 2 ULLWMA 2 Dec (JB).

**Am. Kestrel:** 2-5 per day CV thru; scarce elsewhere after mid-Jan.

**Merlin:** CV several dates Jan; Watertown 2 Feb.

**Am. Coot:** PtPen 11 Dec (NL), rare in winter.

**Wilson's Snipe:** LPd 7 Jan (JC, EW, TW), rare in winter.

**Snowy Owl:** Hammond bird that was present Feb thru Nov 2006 relocated in same location early Jan (TM); CV 27 Dec to 18 Jan; two others CV one day each.

**Long-eared Owl:** PtPen 24 Feb.

**Short-eared Owl:** 73 in 5 roosts CV thru; 28 PtPen thru; scattered individuals elsewhere JEFF, very high.

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** Canton 2 Feb.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 22 PtPen 3 Dec; 20 CV 10 Dec.

#### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Belted Kingfisher:** LPd 3 Feb (JC), rare in Adirondacks in winter.

**N. Flicker:** 7 reports, scarce.

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**N. Shrike:** 1-3 per day throughout Region.

**Com. Raven:** 2 CV 24 Jan; 6 PtPen 13 Feb; adult in nest Barnhart Is. 23 Feb; now widespread throughout lowlands.

**Horned Lark:** 100-200 per day CV thru.

**MARSH WREN:** WCBC 16 Dec (JB, CC, CR), first winter record Region 6.

**E. Bluebird:** Alexandria Bay 15 Dec.

**Am. Robin:** scarce Dec and Jan; 10-25 per day by mid Feb.

**Brown Thrasher:** Potsdam feeder mid-Jan to 19 Feb (GB *fide* NA, ph!), fifth winter record.

**Am. Pipit:** CV 16 Jan, only report

**Cedar Waxwing:** scarce.

#### WARBLERS

No reports.

#### TANAGERS - WEAVERS

**Am. Tree Sparrow:** max 155 Canton 24 Jan.

**Fox Sparrow:** ULLWMA 24 Jan (JB), very rare in winter.

**Song Sparrow:** 2 WCBC; KC 3 Dec thru, only reports.

**Swamp Sparrow:** WCBC 16 Dec (GS), rare in winter.

**White-throated Sparrow:** FD 21 Dec, only report.

**Lapland Longspur:** 20-80 per day CV thru.

**Snow Bunting:** max 2000-2500 CV several dates Dec and Jan.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** PiPt 3 Dec.

**Rusty Blackbird:** WCBC 16 Dec, rare in winter.

**Com. Grackle:** arr Watertown 21 Feb.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 210 WCBC 16 Dec, high.

**Purple Finch:** abundant in Adirondacks, virtually absent elsewhere.

**Red Crossbill:** up to 60 per day Colton thru; FD 4 Jan, only report outside Adirondacks.

**White-winged Crossbill:** 5 FD 4 Jan only report outside Adirondacks; 2-6 per day Colton Feb.

**Pine Siskin:** common Adirondacks, few elsewhere.

**Evening Grosbeak:** 4 Tug Hill, only report outside Adirondacks.



## REGION 7 - ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Warm rain marked the start of the season, with Inlet 55°F and an inch of rain falling on Plattsburgh on 1 December. Inlet thermometers fell to -8° on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Lake Placid registered 42° on the sunny 12<sup>th</sup>, and the remainder of the month was mild, with pussy willows budded in Newcomb on 20 December and another inch of rainfall at Malone and Tupper Lake on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Early January was similarly mild, with Jay reaching 60° on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Plattsburgh saw 44° on the 13<sup>th</sup>,

the last January day above freezing, and by the 17<sup>th</sup> temperatures fell to -21° at Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Saranac Lake. The mercury continued downward, reaching -26° at Saranac Lake on the 25<sup>th</sup> and -29° by the 30<sup>th</sup>. Inlet recorded 13 days below zero from 11-31 January. February continued cold, with Saranac Lake a nippy -32° on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The next day saw the St. Valentine's Blizzard of '07, the second-greatest regional storm ever; short of the Blizzard of December 1969, but surpassing that of January 1934. Essex County saw the heaviest snowfall: 38" at Minerva and Witherbee, 37" on Whiteface Mt., and 36" at Elizabethtown. This Nor'easter was the greatest February storm and deepest 24-hour snowfall on record in the Region, closing the Northway, I-87, from Ticonderoga to Keeseville and placing Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties under a State of Emergency travel ban. The fine snow blew and drifted in 30 mph gusts over the following week. The season closed with Plattsburgh a sunny 33° on the 28<sup>th</sup>, ending a month that had 18 days touch 0° or lower at Inlet. Lake Champlain stood at 97.62' at the start of the season, rose to 98.22' by 10 January, then fell to 96.60' by season's end, with the north and south ends frozen solid and a fresh layer of skim ice covering most of the broad lake.

The lack of snow cover and late formation of ice, even on inland lakes and ponds, continued the recent winter trend toward late waterfowl and a variety of half-hardy birds wintering in the North Country. The ground was bare for the Plattsburgh CBC on 17 December, bare at lower elevations and only an inch of snow in higher forests during the Elizabethtown CBC on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and even by the 30<sup>th</sup> the late, higher-elevation Saranac Lake CBC saw snow depths of just 2" to 6". For the first time since 1973, no separate compilation for the NYS side of the Ferrisburg, VT/NY, count circle was available. Most of Lake Champlain and many inland waters remained open when the NYS Waterfowl Count was conducted between 13-16 January. These conditions undoubtedly contributed to the late county records for Snow Goose, Brant, Wood Duck, White-winged Scoter, Common Loon, Double-crested Cormorant, **five Common Moorhens** at LaChute River 17-18 January, **Hermit Thrush** at a Saranac Lake feeder 24-27 February, and even **Savannah Sparrow**, with a bird lingering on the shoreline of Whallon's Bay until 19 January.

The same mild conditions into mid-January may have also influenced some of the other rarities: a **Western Grebe** at Trembleau Point on 25 December, and probably the same grebe seen 15 miles to the south at Essex harbor a week later; **Cackling Goose** at Chazy and Essex into mid-January; a gray-phase **Gyr Falcon** at Cumberland Head on 11 February; a **Sandhill Crane** headed back north at Chazy Rivers on 12 December; a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** on Hurricane Mt. on 23 December; and a **Gray Catbird** seen outside Elizabethtown on 23 December, with another heard on a back road of Lewis the same day.

The bird that attracted the greatest attention, however, was the **Yellow-throated Warbler** at Ausable Point Campground and State Beach, associating with a flock of chickadees and the odd woodpecker or nuthatch. The original discovery of this colorful warbler on 15-16 November seemed to generate little



interest, but its rediscovery on 16 December prompted a wave of almost daily visitors until the last sighting on 18 January, when temperatures at Plattsburgh ranged from 8° to 20°. Subsequent searches on 19 and 22 January were unsuccessful. The actual date of arrival is unknown, but this bird was present for at least 65 days, from 15 November until 18 January. As NYSARC recently commented (*The Kingbird* 56:3, p. 226) on **Yellow-throated Warbler**: “Two subspecies (*dominica* and *albiflora*) are candidates to occur and several observers have made valiant attempts to assign subspecies. It may be that birds on the edge of the core breeding range exhibit a mix of characters confounding identification without having the bird in hand or exceptional photographs.” One regional expert opined of the Ausable Point warbler, “If I had to guess, I would say that this bird was a *dominica* and that it was a 1<sup>st</sup> winter male. If the latter is the case, this bird is different from the **Yellow-throated Warbler** sighted 25 May 2006 at Carpenter’s Flats.”

The greatest number of observers, judged by postings on Northern NY Birds, turned out to see Red and White-winged crossbills, which staged a moderately strong Adirondack winter invasion. Most searches centered on the Town of St. Armand, Essex County (hamlet of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Bog) and Town of Franklin, Franklin County (Bigelow, Oregon Plains, and Muzzy roads), and almost all were successful in finding not only crossbills, but also Gray Jay and Boreal Chickadee. One only wishes that the searches had been more widespread and systematic, to outline the true extent of this breeding invasion by both species of crossbills. As with other boreal birds, Spruce Grouse and American Three-toed Woodpecker perhaps the best examples, finding such rarities in a known locale can be time-saving, but adds little to our broader knowledge of range and status. In spite of the effort expended, no crossbill nests were reported.

The Christmas Bird Counts, NYS Bald Eagle Survey, NYS Waterfowl Count, and even the Great Backyard Bird Count generated useful data. The reports of Bald Eagle and Wild Turkey that follow reveal some recent banding and color-banding studies, while Horned Lark provides an opportunity to study subspecific characteristics. The total of 109 species reported established a three-way tie with the record winters of 2001-02 and 2005-06. Not included in the total is the report from a goose hunter of what appeared to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Northern Gannet plunge-diving at Chazy Rivers on 12 December, so a new record species count seems quite possible in some not-too-distant winter.

We note with great sorrow the loss of Dr. Lewis Heintz, 69, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at SUNY Plattsburgh, on 10 February. Roger, as we all knew him, died at his Plattsburgh home after a long illness, cared for by his wife and partner Judy. A biochemist by profession, Roger was a stalwart field observer for Atlas 2000, covering countless remote blocks in Clinton County. He was also a participant in the original Bicknell’s Thrush survey, CBCs, the NYS Waterfowl Count, and a host of other citizen science projects in Region 7, and a regular contributor to these pages, including this issue. He and Judy shared

a NYS life list of 298 species by 2005 and the second-highest Clinton County list of 265 species. We extend our condolences to Judy and their four sons, Claude, Tony, James, and Steven, and to Roger's four grandchildren and other family members. Roger's quiet wit and humor and readiness to assist will be sorely missed.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AMR - Akwesasne Mohawk Reserve; AP - Ausable Pt; BB - Bloomingdale Bog; CH - Cumberland Head; CR - Chazy Rivers; ECBC - Elizabethtown CBC 23 Dec; FB - Ferd's Bog; KB - King's Bay; MRP - Malone Rec Pk; NP - Noblewood Pk; PCBC - Plattsburgh CBC 17 Dec; PtR - Pt au Roche SP; SLCBC - Saranac L CBC 30 Dec; TL - Tupper L; WB - Whallon's Bay; WC - NYS Waterfowl Count 13-16 Jan; WD - Wilcox Dock.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Snow Goose:** 1000s remained MRP 1 Dec (JT); max 15,000 Coopersville 9 Dec (BK,CM); 1500 Auger L 30 Dec; 20 Pok-o-Moonshine 17 Jan (GH); 120 CH 24 Jan (NO), late migrants; last 4 Pt Kent-PtR 3 Feb (TM), late ESSE.

**CAKCLING GOOSE:** Lake Shore Rd, Chazy 18 Dec (E&HF), smaller than Snows; Westport 13 Jan (GH,JP,RW), half size of Canadas, good finds; 2 T Chazy 14 Jan

(J&RH), smaller than Canadas, but reported as "Other/Unidentified" on WC.

**Canada Goose:** max 2000 Limekiln L 5 Dec (GL), new high HAMI.

**Brant:** 30 Inlet 28 Dec (GL), following Canadas, late HAMI.

**Mute Swan:** 4 Monty's Bay 4 Jan (JL).

**Wood Duck:** Seventh L 13 Jan (GL), late HAMI.

**Gadwall:** Essex harbor 13 Jan (GH,JP,RW), only report.

**Mallard:** leucistic fL Placid 3 Dec (LM).  
**Canvasback:** pr Essex 19 Feb (PO), only report.  
**Redhead:** 2 KB 3-12 Dec (BK,CM); f Essex 27 Jan (MDM); pr Pt Kent 4 Feb (E&HF), not often reported.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 59 Willsboro Bay 27 Jan (MDM).  
**White-winged Scoter:** 2 pr Indian L to 4 Dec (JT), late FRAN; Pt Kent 7-14 Jan (EF, J&PT).  
**Black Scoter:** KB 3 Dec (BK,CM).  
**Long-tailed Duck:** Plattsburgh from PCBC thru WC.  
**Bufflehead:** max 213 WC, new high total.  
**Barrow's Goldeneye:** WD 13-14 Dec (BK,CM), only report.  
**Com. Merganser:** m L Colby 7 Jan (TD), late inland.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** PCBC; 2 WC, good finds.  
**Wild Turkey:** max 55 Inlet feeder 28 Feb, 7 banded 13 Feb, 3 banded 18 Feb (DEC,GL).  
**Com. Loon:** 2 Upper Saranac L 5 Dec (UW); Seventh L 1 Jan (GL), late HAMI; max 9 WC.  
**Horned Grebe:** max 25 Pt Kent, 16 NP 31 Dec (EKT).  
**Red-necked Grebe:** Westport 13 Jan (BM), only report.  
**WESTERN GREBE:** Trembleau Pt, Pt Kent 25 Dec (DCR, photo); Essex harbor 1 Jan (J&PT), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ESSE records, if both are accepted by NYSARC, but undoubtedly the same grebe.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 2 Pt Henry 13 Jan (DMR,FR); Westport 14 Jan (J&PT), late ESSE.  
**Great Blue Heron:** KB 9 Dec; TL 12 Dec; CR 14 Dec; max 3 PCBC; Plattsburgh Bay 14 Jan (BK); Saranac L HS pond 14 Jan (LL); LaChute R 17 Jan (JC); AP 19 Jan (CF), all late.

#### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Bald Eagle:** 11 leg bands read at TL deer carcass (JD), most banded in NYS.  
**N. Harrier:** Cook Rd, AMR 19 Dec (HW), late FRAN; ECBC; PCBC; Crown Pt 9 Feb (CW).  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** TL Marsh 18 Jan (CD), unusual in Adks.  
**Golden Eagle:** ad Azure Mt 18 Dec (JEC), only sighting.

**Merlin:** Essex 1 Jan (J&PT), scarce in winter.  
**Gyr Falcon:** gray-phase CH 11 Feb (MD), only sighting.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** pr L Placid 6 Jan (LM); pr Vermontville 7 Jan (TD), flew toward Whiteface Mt; Elizabethtown 20 & 27 Feb (J&PT); Palisades late Feb (*vide* EKT), a good winter showing.  
**COM. MOORHEN:** 5 LaChute R 17-18 Jan (JC), 1<sup>st</sup> Reg & ESSE winter record.  
**Am. Coot:** 1-4 WD 8 Dec-14 Jan (BK); 2 CR 9 Dec (BK,CM); max 6 WC, strong numbers here.  
**SANDHILL CRANE:** CR 12 Dec (BK), flying n, 3<sup>rd</sup> CLIN record.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** PtR 5 Dec (BK), last report.

#### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Snowy Owl:** CR 6 Dec (BK,CM)-17 Dec (D&TG), present from 15 Nov.  
**N. Saw-whet Owl:** SLCBC; Keene 31 Dec-late Jan; South Meadow 24 Jan; North Elba 25 Jan; Keene Valley 5 Feb; calling Newcomb 13 Feb, high winter number.  
**Belted Kingfisher:** ECBC; AP 27 Feb (MAMc), early CLIN.  
**Black-backed Woodpecker:** Boreas R; Craig Wood golf course; Indian L; Limekiln L; Newcomb; max 4 SLCBC.  
**N. Flicker:** Plattsburgh feeder 20 Jan (DL); Essex 18 Feb (EDT), scarce.

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**N. Shrike:** Essex; T Franklin; Jay; PCBC; Peru; 2 SLCBC; Witherbee; max 3 ECBC.  
**Gray Jay:** BB; Bloomingdale; T Franklin; Sabattis Bog; Sagamore; max 5 SLCBC.  
**Com. Raven:** 2 PCBC; 28 ECBC; max 122 SLCBC.  
**Horned Lark:** flocks Essex, Keeseville, Peru, PtR; max 60 AMR 29 Dec (HW); 50+ Dunn Rd, CLIN 20 Feb (BK,CM), mixed *E.a. alpestris* & *praticola*.  
**Boreal Chickadee:** BB; 3 ECBC; FB; T Franklin; Hopkins Mt.; Hurricane Mt; Sagamore; max 13 SLCBC.  
**Tufted Titmouse:** AP; 3 Elizabethtown; 10 PCBC; Ticonderoga; 2 Witherbee; max 28 ECBC.  
**Carolina Wren:** ECBC; PCBC; CH 30 Dec, 2 Feb (NO); Ray Brook 3 Feb (NS); Essex 18 Feb (EDT); 2 Ticonderoga 16 Dec-23 Feb (NC), outstanding.

**RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:** Trail to Hurricane Mt from south 23 Dec (JT), where reported by same observer 31 Dec '05.

**E. Bluebird:** max 4 PCBC, scarce.

**HERMIT THRUSH:** Saranac L feeder 24-27 Feb (FG, photo), late ESSE and only 4<sup>th</sup> winter record in county.

**Am. Robin:** Lyon Mt 28 Jan (PG), at 3000', temp 8°F; Hurricane Mt 7 Jan (J&PT); 2 Hopkins Mt 21 Jan, 3 Feb (DD), at 2,500'; Marcy Brook 24 Jan, 25 Feb (J&PT), feeding on mountain ash; 8 Phelps Mt 17 Feb (DD), flying overhead at 3,660'; max 60+ Essex 14 Jan (J&PT).

**GRAY CATBIRD:** Blood Hill Rd, Lewis 23 Dec (SP), heard only; County Rte 8, Elizabethtown 23 Dec (HS,EDT), 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> ESSE winter records, both during ECBC.

**N. Mockingbird:** PCBC; Plattsburgh 20-29 Jan (CM), nice finds.

**Bohemian Waxwing:** 36 Willsboro 28 Dec (EDT), only report.

**Cedar Waxwing:** flocks of 2-30 Keene, Keene Valley, Saranac L, Westport, Willsboro, Willsboro Pt; max 94 PCBC.

#### WARBLERS

**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** AP 17 Dec (JL)-18 Jan (BK), present from 15 Nov '06, believed to be 1<sup>st</sup> winter m of nominate *D.d. dominica*, 2<sup>nd</sup> CLIN & 4<sup>th</sup> Regional record.

#### TANAGERS - WEAVERS

**SAVANNAH SPARROW:** Albee & Lakeshore Rds, Essex 9 Jan (CF, photo), missing a few rectrices, late ESSE & Region 7 by more than a month.

**Song Sparrow:** 1 PCBC; Pt Kent feeder 22 Jan (DCR), only reports.

**White-throated Sparrow:** Keene feeder thru, singing 24 Feb, temp 10°F; Marcy Dam, elev. 2366' 3 Dec (J&PT); TL 3-5 Dec, 23 Jan (CD); PCBC; Plattsburgh 15 Jan (BK); Witherbee 18 Jan thru (CW), a good showing.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 215 SLCBC; L

Colden ranger cabin, elev. 2770' Feb (MH).

**Lapland Longspur:** CR 23 Jan (BK); PtR 28 Jan (DL,MAMc); max 30-50 PtR 3 Feb (TM,SO), record CLIN & Reg 7 and an outstanding number.

**Snow Bunting:** max 200-300 CR 9 Dec; 200 Peru 24 Jan (J&RH); 200 Essex 19 Feb (PO), numerous other reports of smaller flocks.

**Com. Grackle:** PCBC; Plattsburgh 19 Dec (CM); Ticonderoga 31 Dec (NC), rare in winter here.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** PCBC; count wk SLCBC, unusually scarce.

**Purple Finch:** max 180 Bloomingdale 31 Dec (MY); 176 SLCBC, but only 2 ECBC & 3 PCBC, found mostly at higher elevations.

**House Finch:** max 92 PCBC; 4 ECBC; Ticonderoga, otherwise unreported.

**Red Crossbill:** max 8 BB 31 Dec (JB); other reports BB, Bloomingdale, Deer Pd, ECBC, T Franklin, Inlet, LL, Newcomb, Paul Smiths, Sagamore, SLCBC, some in pairs.

**White-winged Crossbill:** max 67 LL 17 Feb (JC); 62 SLCBC; other reports BB, Bloomingdale, Boreas R, Chubb R, Deer Pd, T Franklin, Halfway Brook, Hopkins Mt, Inlet, Newcomb, Paul Smiths, many singing males.

**Pine Siskin:** max 154 SLCBC; 150 Bloomingdale 31 Dec (MY), scattered at higher elevations.

**Am. Goldfinch:** max 872 SLCBC, count record; 800 Bloomingdale area 31 Dec (MY); 240 PCBC; 128 ECBC, widespread, but concentrated higher up.

**Evening Grosbeak:** 23 ECBC; 4 SLCBC; 2 PCBC, indicative of now typical low numbers.

#### ADDENDUM:

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** hen Raquette R at Palmer Brook, Harrietstown 6 Oct (NO), entire bill orange-yellow, viewed while canoeing between Axton Landing & Raquette Falls, 2<sup>nd</sup> FRAN record.



## REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Region 8 residents may have wondered if winter would arrive at all this year. December 2006 ended unseasonably warm, 7.2° F warmer than average, with 20 days reaching 40° or higher. Nine days exhibited temperatures entirely above freezing, and the month passed with nothing more than a few brief flurries. The new year continued warm, with January's mean temperature 5.2° above average. Six January days remained above freezing, with a notable high of 71° on the 6th. Even the shallowest bodies of water remained ice-free, and January's 3.9" of snow quickly melted to expose bare earth. Winter did in fact come in mid-February when strong polar air masses arrived to drag nighttime temperatures down into the single digits. The season's only significant snow storm occurred on Valentine's Day, dumping 16" at Albany International Airport. The cool nights and cloudy days preserved much of this snow cover until late March.

Waterfowl remained in the area but not necessarily in large concentrated flocks. Notable exceptions are the hundreds of Snow Geese observers tallied throughout the period and the 14,000 Canada Geese counted in one day in Rensselaer County on the Salem Christmas Bird Count. The largest numbers of waterfowl occurred in December, when observers also recorded a few straggling scoters, loons, and Red-necked and Horned grebes.

Many birders kept a close eye on the Fort Edward area grasslands this winter, tallying some impressive maxima including 27 Rough-legged Hawks. Volunteers largely from the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club informally monitored wintering Short-eared Owls, which showed up in higher-than-normal numbers at Fort Edward, reaching a max of 17 on 15 February. In Columbia County, Bill Cook received a fresh road-killed Short-eared Owl, now at the Columbia-Greene Community College in one of the most extensive study skin collections in upstate NY. Although hanging on by a talon in the Coxsackie flats of Greene County, Short-eared Owls are all but gone in Region 8 south of Albany, as much victims to natural forest succession as to anthropogenic habitat loss.

One **Snowy Owl** would be news in our Region, and this year we have reports of two, each in Columbia County. Southern Region 8 birders Larry Federman and Nancy Kern were each quick to report separate **Golden Eagles**, also uncommon winter visitors. Merlins wintered in good numbers, picking off starlings and other songbirds from the Mohawk River farmlands, urban greater Albany, and several small river towns in the south.

Warm temperatures make Christmas Bird Counts interesting, and this year's list of half-hardies is more extensive than normal. This was the year in which a Wood Duck, Swamp Sparrow, or Red-winged Blackbird was the norm rather

than the exception. Some unusual lingerers included Troy's **Green Heron**, Catskill-Coxsackie's Wilson's Snipe, Killdeer, and **Common Yellowthroat** (count week), Chatham's Eastern Towhee, and several circles' Gray Catbird and Eastern Phoebe. Catskill-Coxsackie took advantage of an early count date and an active troupe of birders to record 80 species, an impressive CBC tally for any Region 8 circle.

Some common species recorded in uncommonly high numbers include Fort Plain's 60 Northern Harriers, Johnston-Gloversville's 938 Black-capped Chickadees, and Catskill-Coxsackie's 41 Carolina Wrens and 152 Eastern Bluebirds.

Good birders, like good scientists, are wary of anecdotal evidence. This year's warmer-than-average temperatures generated more "I've never seen X before in January" stories in our Region's diners, grocery stores, and offices than I can recount here. True, it's unusual to see garter snakes, green frogs, honey bees, skunk cabbage, and bare-legged joggers in January, but we must be careful not to misinterpret normal variance; this is not upstate New York's first warm winter. Nevertheless, I'll indulge in an anecdote. A brief search of decades of records failed to uncover anything like the thousands of icterids that wintered this January in the Region. You all know the spectacle, the black mass of bodies that pass in gregarious lines over the yellowed landscape. Ah, the sight and sound of blackbirds, the signal that spring has truly arrived. Well, this year they never left. An anecdote, I admit it, but how many individual observations does it take to suggest a trend? I'm not sure many can answer that yet, but I'm confident that this publication will do its duty to take note, one blackbird at a time, until at some future point perhaps, spring will not necessarily mean blackbirds or woodcocks or even phoebes, but some new and unexpected herald.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

CAT – T Catskill GREE; CHA – T Chatham COLU; COX – T Coxsackie GREE; FtE – T Fort Edwards WASH; FtP – Ft Plain MONT; GLO – T

Gloversville FULT; HR – Hudson River; JOH – T Johnstown FULT; LIV – T Livingston COLU; SCH – T Schenectady SCHE; VF – Vischer's Ferry SARA.

#### **WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES**

**Snow Goose:** 638 CHA CBC 16 Dec; max 5001 Salem CBC 16 Dec; 250 Glen MONT 21 Dec; 500 Saratoga L SARA 4 Jan; 6 Hudson COLU 5 Jan; 10 Northumberland SARA 1 Feb.

**Canada Goose:** max 14,278 Salem CBC 16 Dec.

**Wood Duck:** 2 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; 2 CHA CBC 16 Dec; 2 SCHE CBC 16 Dec; 2 ALBA CBC 17 Dec; 3 LIV 28 Dec.

**Gadwall:** 11 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; 12 ALBA CBC 17 Dec.

**Am. Wigeon:** max 100 Stanton Pd 1 Dec.

**Am. Black Duck:** max 61 VF 2 Dec.

**N. Shoveler:** 4 VF 2 Dec; Salem CBC 16 Dec.

**N. Pintail:** max 16 Stanton Pd 1 Dec.

**Green-winged Teal:** 2 VF 2 Dec-1 Jan; max 8 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; FtP CBC 30 Dec.

**Canvasback:** max 200 Cheviot Landing HR 16 Jan.

**Redhead:** 5 VF 12 Feb.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 5 Collins Pk Scotia SCHE 14 Dec.

**Greater Scaup:** S RENS CBC 23 Dec.

**Lesser Scaup:** VF 2 Dec; JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec; max 8 Nassau L RENS 28 Dec.

**Surf Scoter:** Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**White-winged Scoter:** 2 Bolton Landing CBC 16 Dec; Cheviot Landing HR 23 Jan.

**Long-tailed Duck:** 2 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; Saratoga L SARA 21 Jan.

**Bufflehead:** max 29 ALBA CBC 17 Dec.

**Com. Goldeneye:** max 135 Bolton Landing CBC 16 Dec.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 30 Alcove res 10 Dec.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; Stillwater SARA 25 Jan.

**Ruddy Duck:** max 25 COX res 10 Dec.

**Ruffed Grouse:** max 4 JOH-GLO 23 Dec.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; FtE 25 Jan.

**Com. Loon:** 2 Salem CBC 16 Dec; 3 ALBA CBC 17 Dec; 2 Troy CBC 30 Dec; FtP CBC 30 Dec.

**Horned Grebe:** 3 Bolton Landing CBC 16 Dec; ALBA CBC 17 Dec.

**Red-necked Grebe:** Troy CBC 30 Dec, count week.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**GREEN HERON:** Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**Turkey Vulture:** Germantown COLU 3 Dec.

#### **HAWKS - ALCIDS**

**Bald Eagle:** max 10 CHA CBC 16 Dec.

**N. Harrier:** max 60 FtP CBC 30 Dec.

**Cooper's Hawk:** max 6 S RENS CBC 23 Dec.

**N. Goshawk:** JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec; Burnt Hills ALBA 29 Dec; FtP CBC 30 Dec.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** SCHE CBC 16 Dec; Rensselaerville RENS 17 Dec; JOH-GLO 23 Dec; 6 FtP CBC 30 Dec; max 27 FtE 30 Jan; 14 COX flats 25 Feb.

**Golden Eagle:** juv Craryville COLU 20 Dec (LF); Austerlitz COLU 3 Feb (NK).

**Merlin:** Germantown COLU 10 Dec; Florida MONT 21 Dec; LIV 26 Dec; FtP CBC 30 Dec; Peebles I SARA 28 Dec; FtE Jan 7; Glen MONT 20 Jan; Schenectady SCHE 20 Feb; Mechanicville SARA 22 Feb; Florida MONT 23 Feb.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 2 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; 2 S RENS CBC 23 Dec; JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec, count first.

**Am. Coot:** 2 VF 2 Dec; 2 ALBA CBC 17 Dec; HR COLU 2 Jan; 5 Saratoga L SARA 4 Jan.

**Killdeer:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; arr Taghkanic COLU 18 Feb.

**Wilson's Snipe:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; ALBA CBC 17 Dec.

**Herring Gull:** max 650 COX boat launch 6 Dec.

**Iceland Gull:** 4 COX boat launch 6-14 Dec.

**Glaucous Gull:** SCHE CBC 16 Dec.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 6 COX boat launch 6 Dec, somewhat scarce on CBCs.

#### **PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS**

**E. Screech-Owl:** max 5 Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**SNOWY OWL:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; Canaan COLU 28 Jan.

**Barred Owl:** 2 Salem CBC 16 Dec; 2 JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec; Patridge Run ALBA 12 Feb.

**Short-eared Owl:** Cox flats 13-14 Dec; Knox ALBA 17 Dec; 4 FtP CBC 30 Dec; max 17 FtE 15 Feb; road-kill Claverack COLU 21 Feb, now at the Columbia-Greene Community College as a study skin.

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** Partridge Run ALBA 12 Feb; Galway SARA 21 Feb.

**RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:**

Delmar ALBA 3 Jan (AS).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** ALBA CBC 17 Dec; Troy RENS 4 Jan; Brunswick RENS 9 Feb; Clermont COLU 12 Feb.

**FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS**

**E. Phoebe:** Glenville SCHE 2 Dec; CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; ALBA CBC 17 Dec.

**N. Shrike:** Latham 14 Dec; CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; Florida MONT 29 Dec; FtP CBC 30 Dec; Gansevoort SARA 7 Jan thru; Selkirk ALBA 7 Feb; Root MONT 17 Feb.

**Am. Crow:** max 3367 Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**Fish Crow:** max 4 Peebles I SARA 28 Dec.

**Com. Raven:** max 5 COX flats 27 Jan.

**Horned Lark:** max 400 FtE 21 Jan.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** max 938 JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec.

**Tufted Titmouse:** max 161 S RENS CBC 23 Dec.

**Carolina Wren:** max 41 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

**Winter Wren:** 5 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

**Marsh Wren:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 2 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; 2 S RENS CBC 23 Dec; Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**E. Bluebird:** max 13 Germantown COLU 4 Dec; 152 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

**Hermit Thrush:** JOH-GLO 23 Dec; E Greenbush RENS 1 Feb; VF 17 Feb.

**Gray Catbird:** Hillsdale COLU 2 Dec; CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; ALBA CBC 17 Dec; Hudson Falls WASH 17 Dec; Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**Am. Pipit:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

**WARBLERS**

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec, only report.

**Com. Yellowthroat:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec, count week.

**TANAGERS - WEAVERS**

**E. Towhee:** CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; CHA CBC 16 Dec.

**Chipping Sparrow:** last Chatham COLU 13-16 Dec.

**Field Sparrow:** last COX flats 10 Dec.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 6 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; 2 S RENS CBC 23 Dec; Root MONT 17 Feb.

**Fox Sparrow:** Ames MONT 1 Feb; New Salem ALBA 4 Feb.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 7 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; SCHE CBC 16 Dec; Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**Lapland Longspur:** 2 Northumberland SARA 25 Jan-2 Feb; 3 COX flats 22 Feb.

**Snow Bunting:** 73 JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec; 100 FtE 20 Jan; 200 sod farm SARA 25 Jan; 350 Northumberland SARA 25 Jan; 200 COX flats 22 Feb.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 500 CHA CBC 16 Dec; 8 S RENS CBC 23 Dec; max 3000 LIV 24 Dec; 2 S Glens Falls WARR 25 Dec; dozens of reports, many of 1-10 individuals thru.

**E. Meadowlark:** 3 COX flats 21 Jan; FtE 6Feb; max 11 COX flats 21 Feb.

**Rusty Blackbird:** Guilderland ALBA 7 Feb.

**Com. Grackle:** max 4000 LIV 24 Dec; scattered other reports of 1-100 individuals thru.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 3000 LIV 24 Dec.

**Purple Finch:** 4 CHA CBC 16 Dec; max 31 Salem CBC 16 Dec; 23 JOH-GLO 23 Dec; E Greenbush RENS 19 Feb.

**Red Crossbill:** Burnt-Rossman Hills SF SCHO 29 Dec (TW).

**White-winged Crossbill:** JOH-GLO CBC 23 Dec; 3 Jenny L SARA 21 Feb (RY).

**Com. Redpoll:** 20 Troy CBC 30 Dec.

**Pine Siskin:** Berne ALBA 28 Dec.

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## REGION 9 - HUDSON - DELAWARE

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The season started with a rain and wind storm on 1 December. The amount of rain was less than expected but the winds made up for it. Gusts up to 69 mph were reported on the Hudson River. An early cold snap from 4 to 9 December saw temperatures plummet to 16° in Poughkeepsie instilling thoughts of a long cold winter. This was far from what happened. The rest of December and all of January saw temperatures remain well above normal, with little precipitation. Poughkeepsie reached a new record high of 55° on 14 December. Both months ended up 7 to 7.7° warmer than normal.

With no snow and spring like temperatures it is no wonder that the female **Rufous Hummingbird** discovered at Lenoir Nature Preserve in November remained till 6 January. Oddly this is the same date that the 2001-2002 immature male Rufous was last seen. The bird was quite healthy and well fed before departing.

The weather finally turned into winter in February, at least in temperature. The month was 4 to 5° colder than normal but with little precipitation. An icy snow fall on 14 February was the first real snow of the season for many people. In all, the season was very dry. Precipitation for the three months was only 5.5" in Poughkeepsie, where the norm is 9".

The winter report usually has a number of rare sightings thanks in part to great coverage afforded by the Christmas Bird Count. But this season many of great sightings came well after the counts. Spectacular sightings for the season included and adult **Ivory Gull**, **Slaty-backed Gull**, **Barnacle Goose**, **Varied Thrush**, and **Bullock's Oriole**.

The first rarity was found by Bob and Doug Gochfeld on the Putnam County Christmas Bird Count held 30 December. A **Barnacle Goose** was within a small flock of Canada Geese at the Tilly Foster Farm Conservation Area. In flight the bird had all of its flight feathers and kept up with the rest of the geese very well, and there were no apparent bands. Then, while Meredith Hudes was photographing the Barnacle Goose on 3 January, she noticed a substantially smaller Canada Goose type keeping company with the Barnacle Goose. It turned out to be a Cackling Goose. Doug Gochfeld's photos taken on 30 December reveal the Cackling Goose was present then, too. Both birds remained during the warm first half of the winter and were seen at or near the farm and sometimes on the nearby Middle Branch Reservoir. Another Cackling Goose was in Marshlands Conservancy 24 January. As with any type of waterfowl, its origin is always suspect.

The next great rarity was found by John Haas on 25 January at the Monticello Landfill. John surveys the gulls here regularly, and while he was trying to get some more pictures of a "Nelson's" Gull (Herring x Glaucous hybrid) a dark backed gull landed nearby. The bird was paler and smaller than a Great Black-backed and larger and darker than a Lesser Black-backed gull. It had a broad tertial crescent and a broad trailing edge to the wing in flight. Its legs were deep bright pink, pinker than any other bird present. The head, nape and upper breast were all heavily streaked and there was a dark smudge surrounding the eye. There was a distinct demarcation between the heavily streaked breast and the white belly. There was a dark smudge on the gonys portion of the bill. The bird looked strikingly like the **Slaty-backed Gull** he had photographed in 2002.

After photographing this bird he called as many people as possible. Only Arlene Borko and Bill Cutler were able to get there before all the gulls kettled and took off. The bird was not seen on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but John along with Lance Verderame refound the Slaty-backed Gull at the landfill on the morning of 10 February and had good looks at the "string of pearls." The landfill also hosted a number of other gulls including; Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull and Glaucous Gull.

The next rarity was reported by Richard Guthrie, an adult male **Bullock's Oriole** visiting feeders in a yard in Phoenicia on 6 February. According to the homeowner, the bird has been "around all winter," and possibly as early as October or November. Numerous visiting birders were able to view the bird sporadically all month long in the general area.

A **Varied Thrush** was found and photographed at a private home in Chester on 19 February for Orange County's second record. A report has been submitted to NYSARC.

These four nice finds were topped on 25 February. In the early afternoon, Drew Ciganek found an adult **Ivory Gull** at Piermont Pier. By 4 PM at least 30 experienced birders in the area obtained excellent views of the bird as it loafed on the ice in the company of Ring-billed Gulls near the base of the pier. The Ring-bills took off at about 5:15 PM followed by the Ivory Gull. The Ivory Gull flew north toward the Tappan Zee Bridge, then circled back to the south where it appeared to join a group of Ring-bills floating far out on the river. Excellent photographs of the bird were obtained by a number of people. The gull reappeared the next day at the end of the pier near where the Snowy Owl, first reported by Paul Oehrlein on 7 January, usually roosted. The gull was seen for most of the day, and was repeatedly seen feeding on the remains of the owl's kills. Unfortunately the warmer temperatures had already started to reduce the ice on the river and the gull was not seen the next day. At least one report was submitted to NYSARC. The bird was probably present since that Friday when Photographer Steve Sisti mentioned seeing an unusual gull, very white, with black feet. It was on the ice on the north side. But the gull could not be relocated by birders that afternoon.

A Greater White-fronted Goose was found on Round Pond, Sharon Station, on 17 December. Then in January, Rob Stone found a Greater White-fronted Goose on Skinner Lane in Pine Island on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Others re-found it the next day mixed in with over 5000 Canada Geese. Single reports of Tundra Swan came in from Kiamesha Lake in Monticello on the morning of 9 December, Bashakill Marsh on 21-25 February, and on the Wallkill River for most of February. There was another report from Croton Point Park, 9 and 10 February. The only Eurasian Wigeon report was from Edith G. Read Preserve in early December. The East Orange CBC, held on 16 December, had their first Red-throated Loon in Newburgh along with two Monk Parakeets in New Windsor. Andy Guthrie reported two Razorbills off Edith G. Read Sanctuary on 7 January. A Snowy Owl was found in New Hamburg 6 January. The next day, probably the same bird was discovered at Piermont Pier. The bird was later responsible for providing some easy meals for the Ivory Gull. The bird stayed thru the period.

With a warm December, it was surprising that only one Eastern Phoebe was reported for the season. It was found on the Southern Orange CBC on 23 December. Northern Shrike was reported from the northern counties, with three on the Dutchess CBC. The Putnam County CBC reported several very noteworthy half hardies; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, and Lincoln's Sparrow. The only notable warblers were a Nashville found by Avi Kenny during the Bronx-Westchester count and a Yellow-breasted Chat from the 17 December Rockland count. Usually quite rare for Region 9, a number of Lapland Longspurs were found: two on Southland Farm, Rhinebeck, on 9 December and singles from Croton Point Park on the Peekskill count on 16 December and on the Southern Orange Count on 23 December. The East Orange count had the only Baltimore Oriole.

Winter finches were noticeably absent again this year, with only two reports of Pine Siskin and a single Evening Grosbeak.

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CPP – Croton Point Park; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; NYBW – Bronx-Westchester CBC; NYDC – Dutchess County CBC; NYEO – East Orange CBC; NYML – Mohonk Lake-Ashokan Reservoir CBC; NYMT – Monticello CBC; NYPE – Peekskill CBC; NYPC – Putnam County CBC; NYRC – Rockland County CBC; NYSU – Southern Orange CBC; RNC – Rye Nature Center; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** Round Pond, Sharon Station NYRC 17 Dec; Pine Island 20, 21 Jan (RSt,JH,ABo,KMcD).  
**Snow Goose:** numerous reports of a few in Dec, more than normal.  
**Brant:** 620 EGR 22 Dec; 25 EGR 22 Jan.  
**BARNACLE GOOSE:** Tilly Foster Farm, Brewster NYPC 30 Dec – 20 Jan (BG,DG).  
**CAKCLING GOOSE:** Tilly Foster Farm, Brewster NYPC 30 Dec – 20 Jan (DG,MH); MC 24 Jan (TB).  
**Canada Goose:** 4500 Round Pond, Sharon Station 17 Dec; 3500 Pine Island 21 Jan.  
**Tundra Swan:** Kiamesha Lake 9 Dec (JH); Bashakill 21-25 Feb (SB,JH,VF,RD); Walkkill R 3-thru Feb (MD, JH, KMcD); CPP 9,10 Feb (BKe).  
**Eurasian Wigeon:** EGR 7 Dec.  
**Am. Wigeon:** 30 EGR 7 Dec.  
**N. Pintail:** Neversink R 18 Jan.  
**Canvasback:** low numbers thru.  
**Redhead:** 2 Beekman 17 Dec.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** 267 NYEO 16 Dec; 50 Sylvan L, Beekman 22 Dec.  
**Greater Scaup:** 5000 EGR 10,13 Dec; 8000 EGR 22 Jan.  
**Lesser Scaup:** 400 EGR 7 Dec; 1000 EGR 22 Jan.  
**Surf Scoter:** EGR 18 Dec.  
**White-winged Scoter:** EGR 2, 25 Dec, 22 Feb; 2 Rhinecliff 13-15 Jan (CP).  
**Black Scoter:** 2 EGR 2 Dec.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** 92 EGR 18 Dec; Yankee L 25 Dec – 14 Jan; Ashokan Res 25 Dec (JD); Oscawana Lake 14 Jan (DG).

**Buffhead:** 40 EGR 7 Dec.  
**Com. Goldeneye:** 26 Walkkill 8 Feb; 60Yankee L 26 Dec.  
**Com. Merganser:** 200 Kiamesha L 3 Dec.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** Kiamesha L 3 Dec; Rhinecliff 6 Jan.  
**Red-throated Loon:** Newburgh 16 Dec NYEO, 1<sup>st</sup> record (KMcD).  
**Horned Grebe:** Lake DeForest 17 Feb (FB).  
**Red-necked Grebe:** EGR 7 Jan, 22 Feb (AG, TB).  
**N. Gannet:** 3 EGR 2 Dec; EGR 13 Dec.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 54 EGR 13 Dec.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 17 EGE 30 Jan.  
**Black Vulture:** 25 New Paltz 10 Dec; 41 NYML 16 Dec; 53 NYRC 17 Dec; 46 NYPE 16 Dec; 19 SGNWR 21 Dec; 45 NYSU 23 Dec.  
**Turkey Vulture:** 108 NYML 16 Dec; 105 NYPE 16 Dec.

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Osprey:** Rockland Lake 3 Dec (L&SP), very late.  
**N. Harrier:** 4 Pine Island 20, 21 Jan.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** Pine Bush 7 Feb.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** NYSU 23 Dec; Harriman SP 8 Jan; Monticello 27 Jan; Bethel 25 Feb; SGNWR 28 Jan.  
**Golden Eagle:** 1-2 Stissing Mt thru.  
**Merlin:** Hook Mt 16 Dec (JW); NYSU 23 Dec; NYPC 30 Dec.  
**Virginia Rail:** 4 MC 23 Dec; 2 Pawling 2 Jan (HVCBC).

**Am. Coot:** 150 Sylvan L, Beekman 17 Dec.  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** 2 MC 1 Dec.  
**Purple Sandpiper:** 8 EGR 2, 25 Dec.  
**Dunlin:** MC 23 Dec.  
**Wilson's Snipe:** NYML 16 Dec; 3 MC 23 Dec; Campbell Hall 7 Feb.  
**Am. Woodcock:** arr 25 Feb.  
**IVORY GULL:** Piermont Pier 26-27 Feb, see intro.  
**Bonaparte's Gull:** 7 EGR 11 Dec.  
**Iceland Gull:** 1-4 Monticello area including the landfill and Kiamesha Lake 16 Dec thru (JH), 4 Monticello Landfill 10 Feb.  
**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Monticello 12-13 Dec (JH); 2 Monticello Landfill 8 Feb; Monticello Landfill 16-17 Feb.  
**Glaucous Gull:** Monticello Landfill 31 Jan, 3, 8, 16, 17, 19 Feb (JH); 2 Monticello Landfill 10 Feb (JH).  
**"Nelson's" Gull:** Monticello Landfill 22, 24 Jan, 8, 10 Feb (JH).  
**SLATY-BACKED GULL:** Monticello Landfill 24, 30 Jan, 10, 17, 24 Feb (JH, ABo, BCu, LV).  
**Razorbill:** 2 EGR 7 Jan (AG).

#### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Monk Parakeet:** 2 New Windsor 16 Dec NYEO (KMCD); 12 New Rochelle 17 Jan.  
**Snowy Owl:** New Hamburg 6 Jan (ML, B&AM, DF, CV); Piermont Pier 7 Jan - 27 Feb (PO).  
**Long-eared Owl:** 2 CPP 11 Feb.  
**Short-eared Owl:** Shawangunk Grassland 17, 29 Dec; CPP 16 Dec, 26 Feb; 2 Smithville 31 Dec; Piermont Marsh 25 Feb.  
**N. Saw-whet Owl:** Rhinebeck 11 Dec; 6 Smithville 29 Dec.  
**RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD:** Lenoir Nature Preserve 1 Dec - 6 Jan (EH, MB, KJ).

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**E. Phoebe:** NYSU 23 Dec.  
**N. Shrike:** 3 NYDC 16 Dec; Robinson Lane RA, Wappingers 17, 20, 22, 23, 30 Dec (B&AM m.o.b.); NYMT 27 Dec; SGNWR 12, 29 Dec, 7 Jan (RT, CG).  
**Am. Crow:** 8000 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie 6, 30 Dec (CV).

**Horned Lark:** 60 Pine Island 20, 21 Jan; 150 Verbank 31 Jan.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** Lenoir Nature Preserve Dec, Feb, fewer reports than in most years.  
**Winter Wren:** 11 Rye 23 Dec.  
**Marsh Wren:** MC 19 Dec.  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** NYPC 30 Dec.  
**E. Bluebird:** 77 NYPE Dec 16; 20 Harriman SP 29 Dec.  
**Wood Thrush:** NYPC 30 Dec.  
**VARIED THRUSH:** Chester 19 Feb (KMCD).  
**Brown Thrasher:** Montgomery 7 Feb (KMCD).  
**Am. Pipit:** 15-20 CPP 4, 11 Feb; 3 EGR 27 Feb.

#### WARBLERS

**Nashville Warbler:** Greenburgh, NYBW 23 Dec (AK).  
**Yellow-breasted Chat:** NYRC 17 Dec.

#### TANAGERS - WEAVERS

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** NYPC 30 Dec.  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** 2-4 Millerton 9, 17, 31 Dec; 40 Skinner Lane near Pine Island Feb (KMCD).  
**Lapland Longspur:** 2 Southland Farm, Rhinebeck 9 Dec (MP); CPP 16 Dec (MB, KJ); NYSU 23 Dec.  
**Snow Bunting:** Southland Farm, Rhinebeck 10 Dec (CV); 30 Saugerties 20 Feb (ABe); 2 Monticello 24 Feb (JH, LV, ABo).  
**N. Cardinal:** 16 Mt Rest Rd, New Paltz.  
**E. Meadowlark:** 3 CPP 11 Feb.  
**Rusty Blackbird:** 2 Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary, New Paltz 8 Dec.  
**Baltimore Oriole:** NYEO 16 Dec.  
**BULLOCK'S ORIOLE:** Phoenicia 5 Feb thru (BR, RG, mob).  
**Purple Finch:** very few reports.  
**Pine Siskin:** 3 Greenfield Park 5 Dec (AC); 2 Harriman SP 29 Dec.  
**Evening Grosbeak:** Callicoon 1, 2 Feb (MW).

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December's mean temperature was 41.1° F, 5.4° above average, with precipitation totaling 2.15", 1.98" below average. January also averaged 5° above normal, at 35.9°, but precipitation was very near normal at 4.11". February's mean temperature, by contrast, was 5.3° below average, at 27.1°. The precipitation total was 2.31", 1.02" less than average.

Mild winter weather and numerous half-hardy landbirds have become so routine that doses of harsh weather like that of February 2007 draw much comment from Regional observers now. Despite February's sustained cold, Region 10 hosted Willets, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Pine, Palm, and **Townsend's** warblers, and **Western Tanager** during the month. The list of January half-hardies recorded below is of course even greater, and that for December was almost unmanageable. A partial sample of species-date combinations we found most shocking includes: Green Heron on the Orient CBC on 30 December; New York's latest ever American Golden-Plover on Staten Island on 6-8 December; Least Sandpiper at Orient on 16 January; Yellow Warbler in Brooklyn on 16 December (repeating for a second consecutive year on the CBC!); and an Ovenbird wintering at Prospect Park.

At least six Barrow's Goldeneyes Region-wide were more than usual. Alcids were very well reported this season, owing largely to two productive pelagic trips over the Hudson Valley Shelf and one-two Black Guillemots that put in widely spaced single day appearances at Jones Inlet on 7 December and 11 January. In addition to target species such as Northern Fulmar, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Razorbill, the 3 December pelagic revealed the presence of an impressive variety of late fall migrants, some surprisingly far from shore: 12 Green-winged Teal, both loons, 11 Manx Shearwaters, both cormorants, Great Blue Heron, two **Red Phalaropes**, Parasitic Jaeger, 900+ Bonaparte's Gulls, two Little Gulls, Ring-billed Gull, Slate-colored Junco, and Red-winged Blackbird. Birds of the latter kind were much less in evidence on the 10 February trip, which featured instead seven **Common Murres** and **9,000+** Dovekies, the latter a new statewide maximum.

Rarities, always a staple of Region 10 reports, included **“Black” Brant** at Riis Park on 28 December, three **“Richardson’s” Cackling Geese**; three **“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal**; an **American White Pelican** at Van Cortlandt Lake on 13 December; Brown Pelicans at Montauk on **2 December** and at Jones Beach West End on **2 January**; a **Golden Eagle** on Gardiner’s Island on 16 December; a **Yellow Rail** at Oak Beach Marsh on 17 December; a **Thick-billed Murre** at Shinnecock from 25-27 February, a **Rufous Hummingbird** at Northport through 29 January; an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** in Central Park on 3 December; Western Kingbirds at the Bronx Botanical Garden through 16 December and at Cutchogue **6-15 January**; an adult male **Western Tanager** at Baldwin on 31 December through season’s end; and New York’s second **Smith’s Longspur** at Jones Beach West End from 2 February through season’s end. Perhaps most astonishing of these was the rail, found by the same couple, at the same site, on the same CBC as in December 1995! The most obliging had to be the tanager, seen by countless birders from the comfort of John and Muriel Stahl’s living room. By far the rarest was Ed Coyle’s longspur, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

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1W – first winter; 2W – second winter; 3W – third winter; bas – basic plumage; BBG – Brooklyn Botanical Garden; BCA – Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF; BP – Breezy Pt; CP – Central P; CRSP – Connetquot R SP Pres; CSP – Caumsett SP; EEB – East End Birds email summary; EH – Easthampton; EP – Eisenhower P; FP – Forest P; GKP – Great Kills P, StI; JBSP – Jones Beach SP; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; LI – Long Island; Mass – Massapequa Preserve; MB – Mecox Bay; MP – Montauk Pt; NWW – Northwest Woods, EH; OMNSA – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area; OP – Orient Pt; PL – Point Lookout; PP – Prospect P; RMSP – Robert Moses SP; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet; SN – Southern Nassau; StI – Staten Is; VSSP – Valley Stream SP; WPP – Wolfe’s Pd P, StI.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** Amagansett 12, 14 Dec (RG); Silver L, StI CBC 16 Dec & 28 Dec (TF); CSP 7 Jan (mob); Cold Spring Harbor 18 Feb (TWB, GB).

**Snow Goose:** 200+ Jam Bay 3 Dec (GD); 24 Shinn 14 Dec (MH); 653 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; 52 Sagaponack CBC 17 Dec; Captree CBC 17 Dec; SN CBC 1 Jan; 165 Shorts Pd Bridgehampton 21 Jan (VB *et al*).

**“BLACK” BRANT:** Riis P 28 Dec (SA).

### “RICHARDSON’S” CACKLING

**GOOSE:** 1-2 EH 10 Dec-28 Jan (CG, mob!); Short’s Pd Bridgehampton 9 Jan; VCP 14 Jan.

**Tundra Swan:** 2 Hook Pd 19 Feb (HM); prob same 2 Sagg Rd 20 Feb (JA) & 3 Mar (GT, MT).

**Wood Duck:** pair migr JBWE 13 Jan.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; N Nassau CBC 23 Dec; St John’s Pd 31 Dec-25 Feb (JM, mob); Mass 3 Feb; West L, Patchogue 3 Jan (KT); GKP 10 Feb.

**Blue-winged Teal:** Captree CBC 17 Dec.

**Green-winged Teal:** 12 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*), 40 mi from shore.

### “EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL

**(R10):** 2 m Smith’s Pd, NASS 25 Feb (TWB, GB, mob); Speonk R 4 Mar (HM); apparent hybrid *crecca x carolinensis* Brooklyn 3 Feb (ER).

**Redhead:** 60 Jam Bay 28 Feb (SA, RJK), large number for this loc.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 436 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec, high count.

**Greater Scaup:** 25,576 Queens CBC 16 Dec, high count; 4452 N Nassau CBC 23 Dec.

**Lesser Scaup:** 1181 SN CBC 1 Jan, high count.

**King Eider:** subad m Orchard Beach 5 Dec (RA); Montauk CBC 16 Dec (TWB, GB); ad m MP 27 Jan (AB, CG); ad m MB 3 Feb (JSh); f PL 24-28 Feb (AO); m PL 25 Feb (mob).

**Com. Eider:** 2 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*), flying e sev mi off shore; 3 PL 7 Dec (JGi); 9 Quogue Watermill CBC 16 Dec; Captree CBC 17 Dec; 4 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec; 19 OP CBC 30 Dec, high count; imm PL 25 Feb; f PL 28 Dec.

**Harlequin Duck:** ad m Mattituck 3 Dec (PG); ad m Montauk 20 Dec (PR); 2 Montauk CBC 16 Dec (TWB, GB); f Southold 15 Jan (CW); 7 (2m, 5f) MP 3 Mar.

**Surf Scoter:** 2 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).

**White-winged Scoter:** 7 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).

**Black Scoter:** 17 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).

**Long-tailed Duck:** 6 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); 45+ pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al*).

**Barrow’s Goldeneye:** m Bayville 17 Dec-1 Feb, (BR, mob); pr Sag Harbor 17 Dec-20 Jan (CG, mob); f BCA 28 Dec-4 Feb (JG!, mob!); f Eaton’s Neck 13 Jan (BBo); f Orient Harbor 15 Jan (SM), ph.



**Red-breasted Merganser:** 4 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); 12 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al*).  
**Com. Merganser:** several reports inc 142 Smithtown CBC 27 Dec, high count.  
**Ruddy Duck:** 1450 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec, high count.  
**N. Bobwhite:** 2 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec, only report.  
**Red-throated Loon:** 40+ pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); 76 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al*).  
**Com. Loon:** 117 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); 10 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al*).  
**Red-necked Grebe:** GKP 5-7 Jan (DJ), unus loc.  
**Eared Grebe:** Napeague Harbor 21-22, 24 Jan (HM, mob); Southampton 25 Feb (JSh).  
**N. Fulmar:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).  
**Manx Shearwater:** 11 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).  
**N. Gannet:** hundreds pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); 1100 Queens CBC 16 Dec; 2024 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec, high count; scarce inshore after Jan but 150 near Plum I 28 Jan (ER); 835 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al*).  
**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** Van Cortlandt L 13 Dec (DKÙ).  
**Brown Pelican:** imm L Montauk Inlet 2 Dec (LM); landed on a fishing boat and taken to rehab in Westhampton 4 Dec; JBWE 2 Jan (EC), ph.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 2 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).  
**Great Cormorant:** 2 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al*).  
**Am. Bittern:** 1-2 Dune Rd. thru Jan at least.  
**Great Blue Heron:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).  
**Great Egret:** 4 OMNSA 6 Dec (SS), many for date; widely reported on CBCs inc 17 SN CBC 1 Jan; 2 Nissequogue 16 Jan; Dune Rd thru.  
**Snowy Egret:** Smithtown CBC 27 Dec.  
**Green Heron:** OP CBC 30 Dec, exceptional date, details desired.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** max 79 SN CBC 1 Jan, multiple roosts.  
**Turkey Vulture:** Southold 5 Dec; 3 OPCP 16 Jan (TD); 8 StI CBC 16 Dec; L Montauk 1 Feb (VB), all early.

#### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Osprey:** CRSPP 13 Dec (*vide* KF), wintering; arr EP 3 Mar (SA, GH).  
**Bald Eagle:** 17 reports involving 20 birds, 3 from NYC, the rest from central and eastern

LI. This species no longer warrants enumeration of ind records.  
**N. Goshawk:** imm JBWE 3 Dec (K&SF); Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** ad Westhampton 3 Feb (CS).  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 4 Gardiner's I Montauk CBC 16 Dec.  
**GOLDEN EAGLE (R10):** 1W Gardiner's I Montauk CBC 16 Dec.  
**Am. Kestrel:** small numbers reported on nearly all CBCs; max 7 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec.  
**Merlin:** small numbers reported on nearly all CBCs.  
**YELLOW RAIL:** Oak Beach marsh Captree CBC 17 Dec (K&SF!), *intro*.  
**Clapper Rail:** 6 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec.  
**Com. Moorhen:** freshly dead bird found during Lower Hudson CBC 17 Dec at CP (*vide* TF).  
**Black-bellied Plover:** 60+ Eastport farm field 9 Jan (J&GF), many for inland loc mid winter.  
**Am. Golden-Plover:** GKP 6-8 Dec (DJ ph, EJ, RV!), latest ever in NY.  
**Killdeer:** 11 Eastport farm field 9 Jan (J&GF), many for date.  
**Am. Oystercatcher:** max 33 SN CBC 1 Jan, various locs.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** Queens CBC 16 Dec; 2 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec; Mass seen intermittently 4-21 Jan (mob).  
**Willet:** 1-3 Jones Inlet 7 Dec-19 Feb (mob); 2 Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec.  
**Ruddy Turnstone:** 20 PL 12 Jan (MF); 25 Napeague 17 Feb (KRu).  
**Least Sandpiper:** Orient 16 Jan (TD), very late.  
**Dunlin:** 100+ Eastport farm field 9 Jan (J&GF), many for inland loc.  
**Long-billed Dowitcher:** 7 Mass seen intermittently 10-16 Jan (mob).  
**Wilson's Snipe:** max 4 Mass 7 Jan (KK) and 26 Jan (JG).  
**Am. Woodcock:** wintering bird displaying on warm morning in Montauk 5 Jan (VB); arrivals reported 3<sup>rd</sup> week Feb (HM).  
**RED PHALAROPE (R10):** 2 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).  
**Parasitic Jaeger:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).  
**Laughing Gull:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); a handful of reports from CBCs 16 Dec-1 Jan.

**Little Gull:** 2 (1W, ad) pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al.*).

**Black-headed Gull:** imm Montauk CBC 16 Dec (TWB, GB *et al.*); SN CBC 1 Jan (DT, SD); Forge R 7 Jan (AB); imm Aquebogue 26-27 Jan (JBSr); ad EP 3 Feb (SA, GH); ad Georgica Pd 9 Feb (HM); Aquebogue 20 Feb (BGe); ad Main Beach EH 4 Mar (JDi *et al.*).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 900+ pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al.*); 52 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*).

**Ring-billed Gull:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al.*); pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*).

**Iceland Gull:** 2 (both 3W) pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al.*); 2 ads pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*); ad Shinn 15 Jan (JSh) lingered to 27 Feb at least; this ind has wintered here for many years now; a dozen or so other reports from scattered locs.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 14 reports 9 Dec - 3 Feb, all ads but one, inc 2 ads pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*); poss *intermedius* ad at JBSP 4 Jan (SS).

**Glaucous Gull:** 2W WPP 21 Dec (DJ); 1W Southold 27 Jan (JBSr, JBjr), also seen 21 Feb and 3 Mar here; ad pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*).

**"Manhattan's Gull" (Glaucous Gull X "American" Herring Gull hybrid):** 1W pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*).

**Black-legged Kittiwake:** 22 pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al.*); 6 Montauk CBC 16 Dec; Sagaponack CBC 17 Dec.

**Royal Tern:** JBWE 2 Dec (RJ *et al.*), late.

**Com. Tern:** bas PL 5 Dec (SS, JGi, AW), very late.

**Dovekie:** injured bird Montauk 20 Dec (PR); 2 oiled birds brought to rehab inc one found in EH 9 Jan (PM), both died; **9,000+** pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*!) new state max; 5 West Hampton 16 Feb (AM).

**COMMON MURRE:** 7 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*), inc bas, molting, and alt plumages.

**THICK-BILLED MURRE:** Shinn 25-27 Feb (Sbi, S&JBe, mob!).

**Razorbill:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al.*); generally scarce inshore (0-5 per site per day) BP to MP, except 9 OP CBC 30 Dec, high count; 14 pelagic 10 Feb (PGu *et al.*).

**Black Guillemot:** JBWE 7 Dec (SB!, mob!); JBWE 11 Jan (KF), poss same bird.

#### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Monk Parakeet:** nest-building activity noted at several Upper West Side locs in

Manhattan, a new area for them; 2 Quogue Watermill CBC 16 Dec, relocated 17 Feb, unus loc; Captree CBC 16 Dec (cw), unus loc.

**Snowy Owl:** Gardiner's I 14 Feb (JTo); Napeague 16 Dec (HM, mob), 1-2 present here thru 19 Feb; Brooklyn 30 Jan-5 Feb (ER).

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** Accabonac 16 Dec (JA, BBI); Sagaponack CBC 17 Dec (BK), only reports.

**RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD:** f Northport thru 29 Jan, cont from fall (NK, mob!).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** imm Riverside P 15 Dec (LSw), reported thru 24 Jan; Shelter I 30 Dec (OP CBC); NWW 7 Feb (JTo), reported thru 19 Feb.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** many reports involving around 40 inds 2 Dec - 19 Feb, inc 8 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; five reports into Feb.

**PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10):** Buck's Hollow, Stl 24 Feb (DJ, ESC), not relocated, extremely rare in Region, details desired.

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**E. Phoebe:** 10 rep thru 17 Jan, most from LI, more than usual.

**ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER:** CP 3 Dec (M&FBu, NW), first CP record.

**W. Kingbird:** BBG cont from fall, last seen 16 Dec; Cutchogue **6-15 Jan** (JBSr, mob!).

**N. Shrike:** Cedar Beach, Babylon 4 Dec (K&SF), cont from fall; Stl CBC 16 Dec.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** MP 3 Dec (VB), late.

**Horned Lark:** max 250 Riverhead 7 Jan (AB, CG).

**Tree Swallow:** 277 SN CBC 1 Jan, all time maxima for this count.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** Morton WR 2 Dec (Ed Kush); small numbers reported on several CBCs.

**House Wren:** Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; Quogue Watermill CBC 16 Dec; 3 N Nassau CBC 23 Dec; Smithtown CBC 27 Dec.

**Winter Wren:** many reports inc max 32 Montauk CBC 16 Dec and 23 Smithtown CBC 27 Dec; later reports inc 5 Mass 13 Jan & 18 Feb VSSP (BB).

**Marsh Wren:** many reports 5 Dec - 6 Jan, max 15 Montauk CBC 16 Dec; Mass 28 Jan (JG), poss same bird found on SN CBC 1 Jan by Sh&MBB.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** many reports, higher numbers than usual inc max 69

Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec and 66 Quogue Watermill CBC 16 Dec.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** widely reported on CBCs, inc max 14 OP CBC 30 Dec; late reports inc E Quogue 17 Jan (OB); RMSP 23 Jan (JQ); E Northport 13 Dec-16 Feb (WR).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** OCP 16 Jan (TD), very late.

**E. Bluebird:** max 36 former Grumman property, Calverton 3 Dec (AJL).

**Hermit Thrush:** many reports this winter, inc max 48 Montauk CBC 16 Dec and 25 OP CBC 30 Dec.

**Am. Pipit:** good numbers in farm fields during Dec; reports from the outer coast, away from wintering sites, included singles 17 Feb Gilgo (PL, SM) & Amagansett (K&BRu), JBWE 24 FEB (EC), and Shinn 27 Feb (BA) might have been either northbound migrants or wintering birds fleeing harsh conditions inland.

#### WARBLERS

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** 7 reports involving 10 inds, 15 Dec-1 Jan.

**Nashville Warbler:** 2 OP CBC 30 Dec (JMcN); f 13 Jan Southampton (JSh).

**Yellow Warbler:** Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec, exceptional date.

**Cape May Warbler:** f PP 3 Dec (Philip Precey); f Riverside P 20 Dec (JN), lingered to mid Jan.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** generally low numbers reported on CBCs e.g., 90 Southern Nassau CBC 1 Jan.

**TOWNSEND'S WARBLER:** Matinecock 18 Dec thru (*fide* RKe, GQ!).

**Pine Warbler:** former Grumman property 3 Dec (AJL); Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; Sagaponack CBC 17 Dec; 2 Central Suff CBC 23 Dec; OP CBC 30 Dec; PP 30 Dec-7 Jan, NWW 22 Jan (JTo), present thru 7 Feb at least.

**Palm Warbler:** a handful of winter reports inc 6 Montauk CBC 16 Dec; late records inc 2 OMNSA 12 Jan (MF) and Brooklyn 29 Jan, 8 Feb (ER).

**Ovenbird:** FP 9 Dec-19 Jan (JL, AxW); Bronx Zoo lingered until mid-Dec (TO).

**Com. Yellowthroat:** 8 inds reported from 6 CBCs 16 Dec 1 Jan; f Bronxville 17 Dec (ABl).

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** 2 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; Sagaponack CBC 16 Dec; MB 12 Jan (CG).

#### TANAGERS - WEAVERS

**Scarlet Tanager:** cont from fall, 29 Nov-2 Dec Huntington feeder (WR), late.

**WESTERN TANAGER:** Baldwin 31 Dec thru (J&M Stahl!, mob!).

**Am. Tree Sparrow:** max 77 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec.

**Chipping Sparrow:** small numbers reported from CBCs; BCA 4 Feb (JG).

**Field Sparrow:** max 13 SN CBC 1 Jan.

**Vesper Sparrow:** former Grumman property 3 Dec (AJL); Central Suffolk CBC 23 Dec, both late.

**Savannah Sparrow:** max 29 SN CBC 1 Jan.

**Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow:** 2 Montauk CBC 16 Dec; Dune Rd 28 Jan (TWB, GB), only reports.

**Seaside Sparrow:** Captree CBC 16 Dec, cw, only report.

**Fox Sparrow:** higher than usual numbers reported from CBCs e.g., 56 Sagg CBC 17 Dec.

**Swamp Sparrow:** max 61 StI CBC 16 Dec; 13 Mass 13 Jan (PL, SM), many for date.

**White-throated Sparrow:** low numbers reported on CBCs e.g. max 548 CP (Lower Hudson CBC) 17 Dec and 438 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** StI CBC 16 Dec; 2 OP CBC 30 Dec, low count, only reports.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** on board during pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*).

**Lapland Longspur:** JBWE 2 Dec, increasing to 15+ by Feb, 4 Montauk CBC 16 Dec; Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; StI CBC 16 Dec; 2 Wading River 7 Jan (AJL).

**SMITH'S LONGSPUR:** JBWE 2 Feb-18 Mar (EC!, mob!), 2<sup>nd</sup> state record; *intro*.

**Snow Bunting:** max 200 JBWE from 7 Dec (JGi).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** JBWE 29 Dec (RKR!, DF!).

**Red-winged Blackbird:** pelagic 3 Dec (AWi *et al*); 572 Smithtown CBC 27 Dec, many; first singing Mass 25 Feb (SS).

**E. Meadowlark:** 32 former Grumman property 3 Dec (AJL), a stronghold for this declining species on LI; this grassland is slated for development soon; 2 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; 2 Quogue Watermill CBC 16 Dec; 2 Wading River 7 Jan (AJL).

**Rusty Blackbird:** Oak Beach 15 Feb (SM), not a wintering site; College of StI 20 Feb (SM), northbound?; only reports after CBCs.

**Com. Grackle:** 3066 Queens CBC 16 Dec; 3368 Smithtown CBC 27 Dec.

**Boat-tailed Grackle:** 34 Shinn 3 Dec (JTo, MTo); 54 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec; 21 SN CBC 1 Jan; 25 Shinn 31 Jan (AM).

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1111 Brooklyn CBC 16 Dec.

**Baltimore Oriole:** Stl CBC 16 Dec; Queens CBC 16 Dec; Sagaponack CBC 17 Dec; dead bird found Westhampton 18 Dec (AM); f Riverdale Bronx- Westchester CBC 23 Dec (TF, KW); Silver L Stl 29 Dec (R&KArm, CF); EH feeder 2 Jan (BH); Riverhead feeder 9 Jan (BAV); OMNSA 12 Jan (MF); many.

**Purple Finch:** West L Drive, Montauk 15 Dec (BB); Quogue Watermill CBC 16 Dec; N Nassau CBC 23 Dec; FP 18 Feb (JL), only reports.

#### EXOTICS

**Trumpeter Swan:** juv CP 16 Dec (LS, ph, *et al*).

**Mitred Parakeet:** 13 Forest Hills, QUEE 24 Feb (SA), one of several sightings in this area since early 1990s, always in winter.

**European Goldfinch:** PP 3 Dec (PP).



## STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Regional rarities appear in **BOLD**; county names are shortened to their first four letters and appear in **UPPER CASE** letters; months are shortened to their first three letters. In species accounts: number of individuals omitted implies that one individual was reported; ! - details seen by Regional Editor; ad - adult; Alt - Alternate plumage; Am. - American; arr - arrival or first of season; BBS - Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS - bird of the season; CBC - Christmas Bird Count; CO - confirmed nesting; Com. - Common; E. - Eastern; FL - fledgling; FY - adult feeding young; I - Island; imm - immature; intro - see introduction to report; juv - juvenile; L - Lake; max - maximum; mob - multiple observers; N. - Northern; NYSDEC - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; NWR - National Wildlife Refuge; NYSARC - report to New York State Avian Records Committee; P - park; Pd - Pond; ph - photographed; Pt - Point; Res - Reservoir; Ri - River; SP - State Park; spm - specimen; subad - subadult; T - Town of; thru - throughout period; Twn - township; W. - Western; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; y - young.

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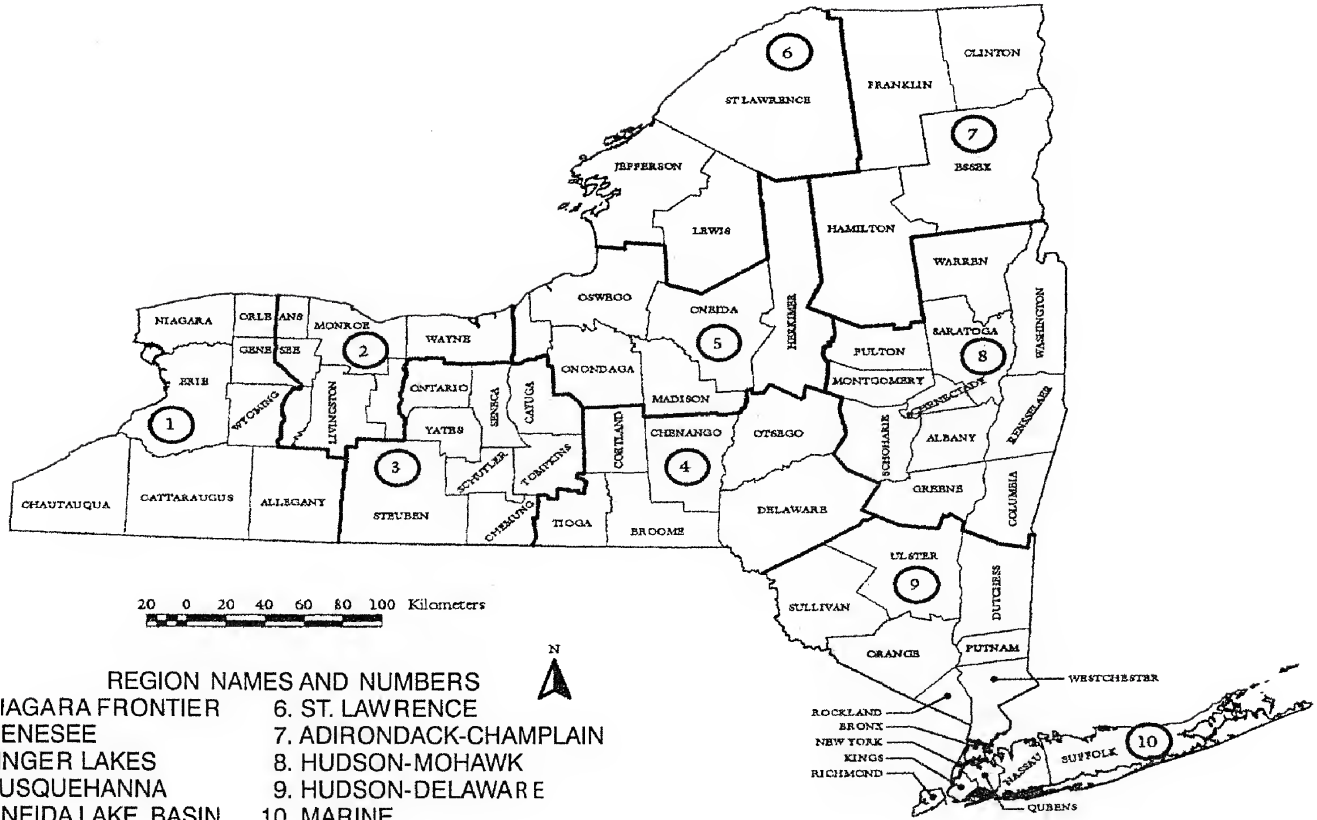
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